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## Goering May Send Out His Bomb Armada

# BERLIN BELIEVES AERIAL WAR ON IN EARNEST

## Another Major Clash, Clash, Clash

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 19 (REUTER).—THE RECENT INCREASE IN AIR ACTIVITIES HAS PROMPTED BERLIN TO BELIEVE THAT AN AIR WAR IS BEGINNING IN EARNEST.

Attempts will now be made by the German air force to show their capabilities in carrying out large-scale attacks, says the Berlin correspondent of the "Dagbladet."

Air force officials claim that German reconnaissance planes have obtained comprehensive aerial photographs both of Britain and France.

### Attack On Nazi Base

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Dec. 19 (UP).—Reports from Copenhagen state that another big air battle occurred to-day over a German naval base on the north-west coast.

Apparently the Royal Air Force were again attempting to launch an attack on the island of Syrt.

However, neither Britain nor Germany has announced any important action although a Heinkel bomber was reported over the North Shetlands.

An R.A.F. pursuit plane took to the air in search of the raider, apparently without success.

No air raid alarm was sounded.

### Planes Over Shetlands

LONDON, Dec. 19 (Reuter).—German planes were reported off the Shetland Islands this afternoon.

R.A.F. fighters went up to give battle.

### Nazis Admit Attack

LONDON, Dec. 19 (Reuter).—A German communiqué in Berlin claims that the R.A.F. made a raid on the northwest coast of Germany on Monday, trying to reach the Frisian Islands between 5:40 p.m. and 9:40 p.m.

In connection with the earlier raid in which the Air Ministry announced that 12 Messerschmidts were shot down and seven R.A.F. bombers had not been accounted for, a full account cannot be made until the reports of the British pilots participating in the raid have been collated.

One of our bomber formations went to attack enemy warships.

### Fantastic Nazi Claims

The bombers found no warships but almost immediately were attacked by wave of enemy planes.

The Germans are still making exaggerated claims and, giving the figures of their own "amazing successes" they claim to have brought down more British planes than took part in the raid.

### Four Airmen Rescued

LONDON, Dec. 19 (Reuter).—Four British airmen, who are believed to have taken part in Monday's big air raid battle, have been picked up at sea in a collapsible boat.

A Naval trawler landed them at an East Coast port.

## French Loan To China Report Unconfirmed

PARIS, Dec. 19 (Reuter).—Reports from the Far East of a \$10,000,000 franc loan to China for the construction of a railway linking the provinces of Yunnan and Szechuan are unconfirmed in official quarters.



### Third Biggest Nazi Liner Intercepted

At Sea, Destroyed By Her Crew

## COLUMBUS AFIRE IN ATLANTIC

NEW YORK, Dec. 19. (Reuter).—The 32,600-ton N.D.L. liner Columbus, third largest ship in the German mercantile marine—she is exceeded in size only by the 51,700-ton Bremen and the 49,000-ton Europa—has shared the fate of the Admiral Graf Spee.

The Columbus, intercepted by a British destroyer, was set afire in mid-Atlantic this morning by her crew.

She is still afloat, a mass of blazing flames.

American warships are at hand, ready to sink her by gunfire if she becomes a danger to navigation.

### 400 Of Crew Rescued

Four hundred of the crew have been rescued by the U.S.S. Tuscaloosa, which, in a radio report to the U.S.S. Texas, says she is proceeding to New York with the survivors.

An unidentified British destroyer is standing by the blazing liner.

At 11 o'clock E.S.T., the Columbus was still burning fiercely her huge cargo of petroleum sending the flames and a cloud of black smoke hundreds of yards into the sky.

There are no indications, says the radio report from the U.S.S. Tuscaloosa, of any un-neutral act on the part of the British warship.

Another aircraft, whose rudder was damaged, made a safe forced landing a few miles from home.

## SILVER IMPORT CONTROL

NEW DELHI, Dec. 19 (Reuter).—It is announced in the "Gazette" that a new rule under the Defense of India Act empowers the Government to impose silver into British conditions as it may consider necessary regarding its use and disposal. The Government could do so.

Similar news came from the Reserve Bank of India.

## Goering Orders High Seas Murder

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Dec. 21 (UP).—General Goering, Chief of the Nazi Air Force, is obeying his master's voice, as Admiral Raeder did before him.

Unrestricted warfare against British and neutral

shipping, which has already been carried out in defiance of International Law by the Nazi U-boats, will in future be applied by Goering's bombers.

Hitler has decreed merciless war on civilians at sea and, as applied by Goering's air force, it includes the machine-gunning of helpless people in lifeboats as they leave their sinking vessels.

Latest casualties to this form of mass murder are two British, a Norwegian, a Danish and an Italian steamer, as well as several small British fishing trawlers.

The 4,373-ton British steamer City of Kobe was mercilessly bombed and strafed by Nazi warplanes to sea.

### New Phase Of Terrorism

The sinking of the Norwegian steamer Giltredjell (1,568 tons) and the British steamer City of Kobe (4,373 tons) to-day indicated a new phase of U-boat activity, both ships being torpedoed. Survivors of the City of Kobe said two days before they were sunk they had been bombed and strafed by German planes.

A third ship sank to-day was the Danish steamer Jyto (1,877 tons) believedly by a mine, the Nazis apparently mixing minelaying and torpedoing tactics depending on the success of the Allied counter-measures.

### Air Bombing Intensified

Intensification of the latest Nazi weapon of air bombing and strafing small surface craft is seen in the announcement that several fishing trawlers in the Forthrose area have been attacked, at least one being sunk and two others damaged.

From the Giltredjell, thirteen survivors have been landed, seven of whom are injured. Five of the crew were drowned.

From the Jyto two only have been landed and ten are missing.

From the City of Kobe eighteen survivors have been landed.

From the fishing trawler Etruria three were killed and one injured, while from the other trawler Active one is missing and the remainder of the crew have been rescued.

### Ship Machine-Gunned

LONDON, Dec. 19 (Reuter).—German planes are again attacking British fishing craft, and to-day sank one, and injured three of the crew of a second.

Both were Grimsby trawlers.

A member of the crew of the first vessel said that bombs were first dropped on them and then the German aircraft machine-gunned the ship.

Three men in the forecastle were killed by a bomb, and another was injured.

### Aerial Torpedo Used

The cook is missing from the other trawler which was only a quarter of a mile away at the time.

The skipper reports that seven bombs were dropped. All of them missed.

An aerial torpedo was then fired and exploded under the trawler, just as the crew were trying to launch their small boat.

## LUXEMBOURG CUSTOMS HOUSE HIT BY SHELL

LUXEMBOURG, Dec. 19 (Reuter).—The Customs House town of Remich on the south-east frontier was hit by a shell early to-day.

It did not explode but passed through a building, penetrated the roofs of two houses and fell in the market place.

An official enquiry is being held.

## NAZI APOLOGIA

# 'Fooled' British Navy

Latest Claim Over  
Graf Spee Sinking

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 19 (Reuter).—The fate of the Graf Spee is a severe blow for Germany, says the Berlin correspondent of the "Dagbladet," who declares that official quarters of the capital are very bitter regarding the refusal of the Uruguayan Government to allow the battleship an extension of time in order to enable the necessary repairs to be made.

They accuse Uruguay of a breach of international law and declare that the matter will not be forgotten by Germany.

They allege that Uruguay submitted to English pressure. Therefore their action in sending the Graf Spee out of Montevideo "in a state of disrepair" was not in conformity with strict neutrality.

### Nazis Consolation

The correspondent adds, however, that there is consolation in Germany that the Deutschland and the Admiral Scheer can still harass English shipping, and that English warships will be obliged to operate far away from their home bases.

The Berlin representative of the "Tidningen" says that mourning for the Graf Spee is combined with gratification that the battleship did not fall into English hands.

### "Cheap Victory" Prevented

The British had counted on a cheap victory, say the German Press, but Hitler foiled them by the order to blow up the vessel.

The newspaper's unite in declaring that the end of the Graf Spee was an honourable one and in conformity with the traditions of the German Navy.

## LATEST

## Soviets Lose Battleship

### Brilliant Work By Finnish Artillery

HELSINKI, Dec. 19 (Reuter).—A report of the sinking of a Soviet battleship asserts that the Russians knew that the range of the biggest guns in the Finnish batteries was only about three miles.

Accordingly they kept their warships just out of range.

The Finns, however, brought up bigger and better artillery, and when a battleship was cruising within four miles, the shore fired a terrific salvo which hit and, it is believed, sank the battleship.

## Roosevelt's Slip Of The Tongue

NEW YORK, Dec. 19 (Reuter).—The White House now reports that President Roosevelt has not signed the restoration of the Cuban Sugar Quota, but the document restoring the former sugar import duties.

No details are given.

The President's Secretary stated that President Roosevelt made a slip of the tongue when he made the earlier statement at a Press Conference.

## NAZIS DISILLUSIONED BY SOVIET FAILURE

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 19 (Reuter).—The opinion is growing in Berlin that the Russo-Finnish war will shortly cause significant changes in the political position in Europe, says the "Nyheterna" Berlin representative.

This correspondent adds that him and even the economic support of both the Soviet and German governments in the war against Finland.

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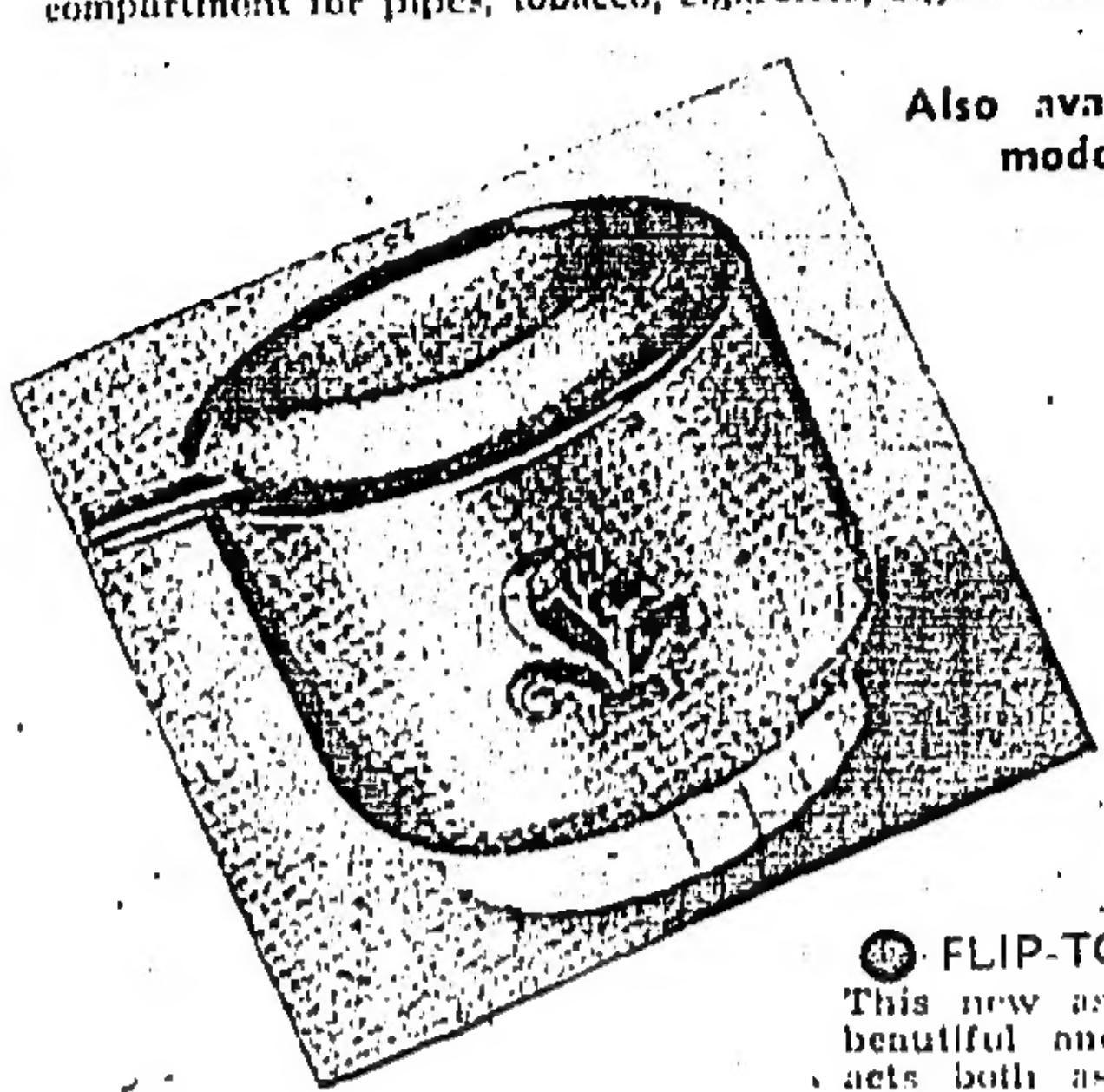
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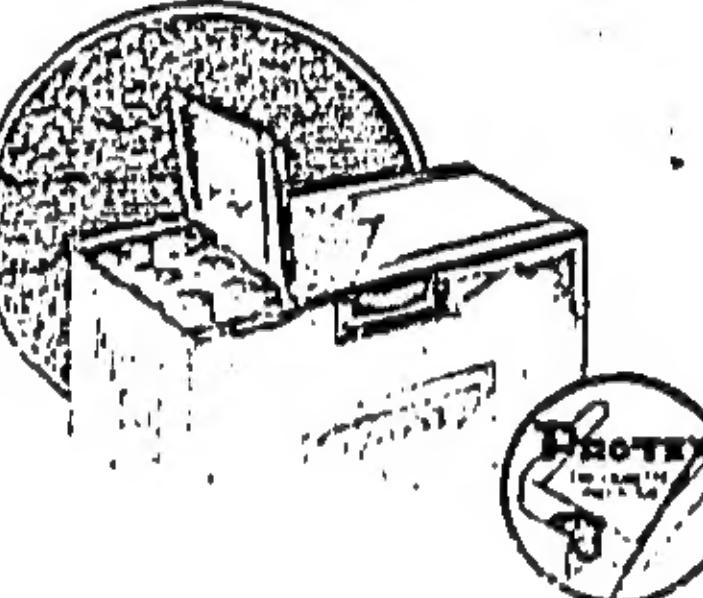
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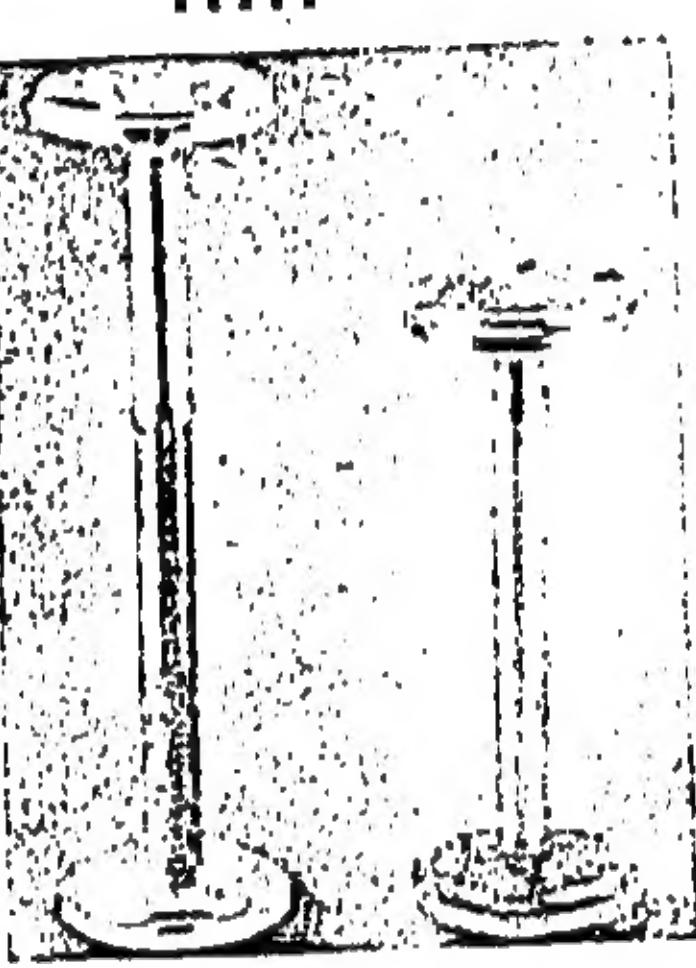
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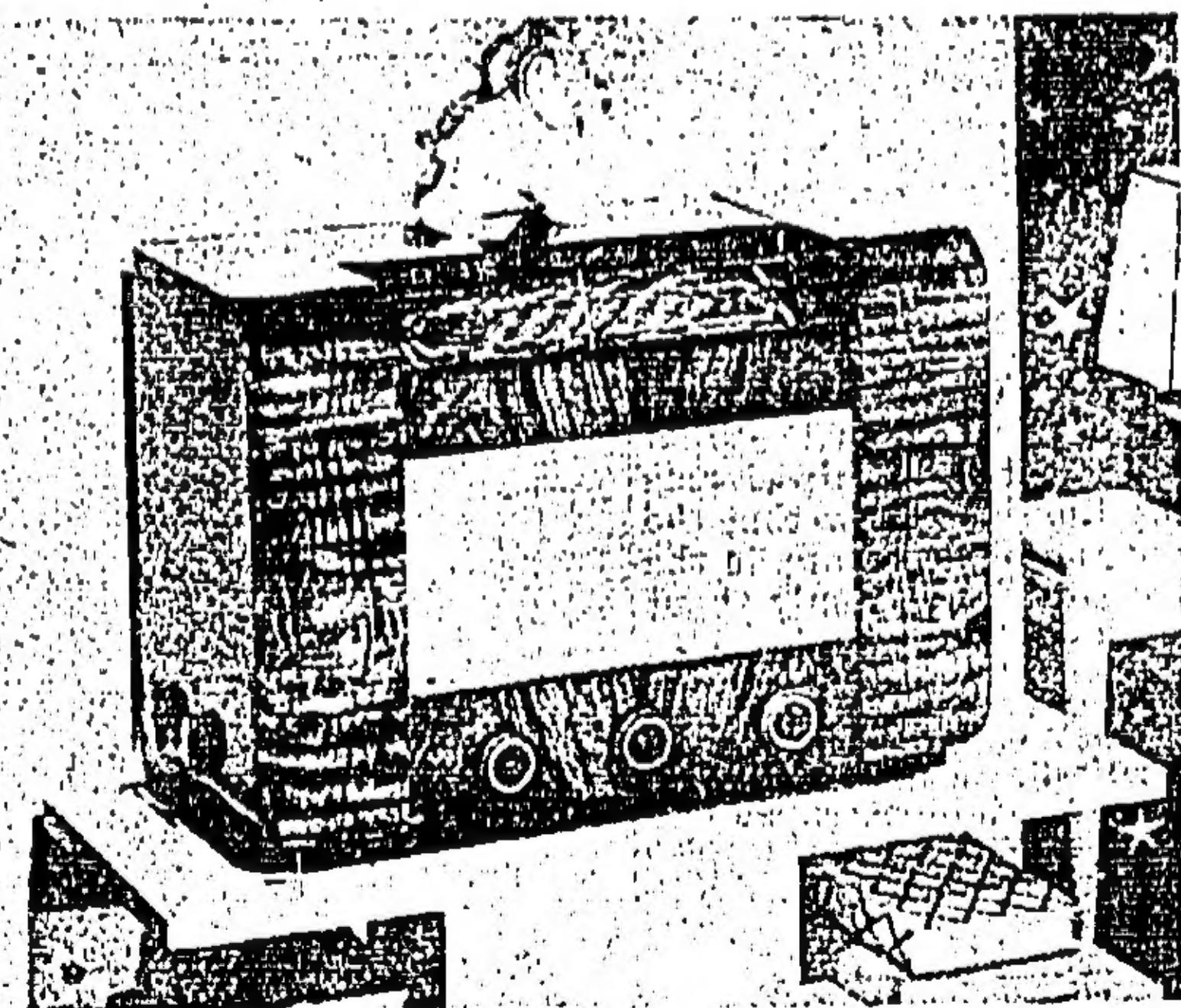
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He threatened to give detailed information to the police about the new gambling rings which have sprung up in the back streets of the East End since the outbreak of war.

From the night he voiced his plan to a few associates he was a marked man.

Supt. Percy Worth, one of Yard's Big Five, ended eight days of inquiries recently.

He had discovered that Lawrence was in one of the biggest gambling casinos two nights before he was killed,

But he is still in the dark about the movements of the gangster during the vital hours just before he was found dead in a blacked-out courtyard in Spitalfields.

At every turn the police have met with sullen silence from witnesses who are afraid to speak.

A month ago there were 120 "social clubs" and former billiards saloons which permitted gambling in London's dockland.

There are 200 now.

The racecourse and dog-track gamblers who terrorised bookmakers in the early '20's with demands for "protection" money are back in business.

Lawrence worked with a gang of men who saw great possibilities in blackmailing the organisers of the racket. They hoped to offer "protection" to the more flourishing gambling clubs—and report to the police the owners who did not pay up.

**Dangerous**

Somebody who is promoting the playing of faro, two-pick rummy, and chemin de fer in the gambling dens decided that Lawrence was dangerous. So he died.

The post mortem examination showed that he had been drinking beer. But the police have been unable to discover anyone who was in his company shortly before his death.

**WOMAN WITH "ONLY YEAR TO LIVE"**

Grimsby Fisherman Charged With Murdering Her

When Thomas Albert Cossey (42), a fisherman, of Burgess Street, Grimsby, was accused at Grimsby Assizes of the murder of Maud Stewart it was alleged that he was distressed at the woman's association with another man.

Mr. J. Robey, prosecuting, said that Stewart, who was separated from her husband, had lived with Cossey for some time. During his absence, prior to September 12, she became friendly with a fisherman, James Storr, and stayed with him at her son's house.

On September 12, Storr and the woman's son found both doors locked at Cossey's house. There was a smell of gas and a dressing table had been pushed against the bedroom door.

Mr. Robey said that Cossey was resting against the wall near the gas bracket, which had been torn away. The woman was in bed with a ligature tied tightly round her neck.

**"Give Me Some More Gas"**

Cossey, who had wounds in both wrists, was alleged to have said to the police, "Why did you come so soon? Give me some more gas. She is dead. I wish I was too."

Mr. Robey added that a letter written by Cossey to the mother of the woman would show that he was very fond of Stewart, and was distressed by her association with the other man.

Dr. J. M. Webster, pathologist, said that the woman was suffering from cancer of the liver and would have probably died from that cause in twelve months. The cause of death was shock due to strangulation by the ligature.

A constable said that while they were persuading Cossey to leave, he said, "Let me kiss her again first," and he did so.

Later, Cossey, it was alleged, said, "Give me a knife and let me put it across my throat and let me go with her."

A letter to Mrs. Bratley, mother of the dead woman, written by Cossey,

was read. It said:—"She tells me she has found somebody over there that she loves better than me. I hope she is happy with him as I love her dearly. She is the best woman in the world to me. I am broken-hearted."

Cossey was committed for trial at Lincoln Assizes.

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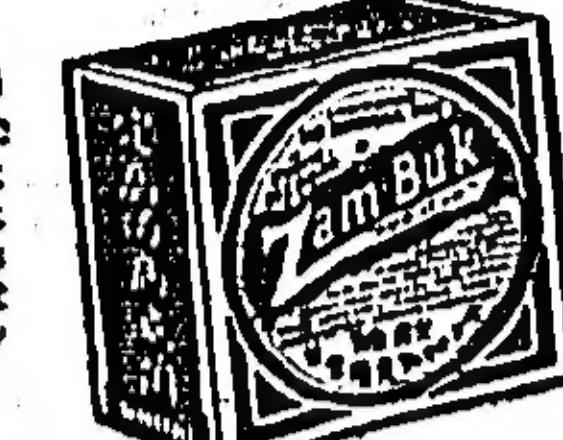
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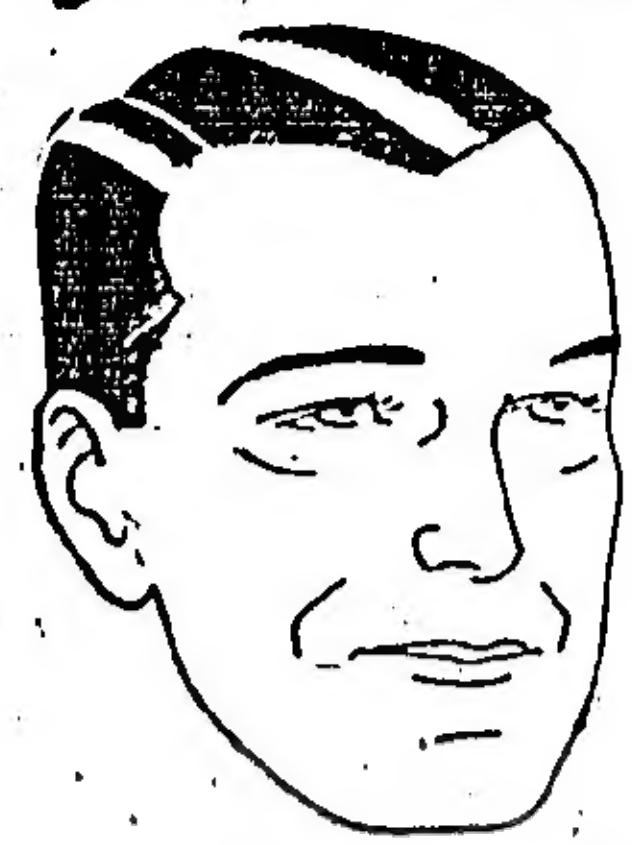
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### Liner Captain's Heroism

A 16-YEAR-OLD boy burglar told recently to the heroism of Captain V. C. P. Smalley, master of the liner *Yorkshire*, as his ship went down following U-boat attack.

The burglar, John Alexander Taylor, was recruited with his widowed mother at his Liverpool home.

"I was on the bridge with the captain, two quartermasters, the commodore and my mate," said Taylor.

"The captain told us to get in the boats, and then he turned to us and said, 'Get a boat and I will join you as soon as possible.'

"I don't think he had any intention of joining us," said Taylor.

Survivors of the *Yorkshire* were picked up by the United States vessel *Independence Hall*.

But Captain Smalley has been reported "missing."

"One of the most tragic things I remember," added Butler Taylor, "was the sight of a mother and two daughters clinging to one another on the deck as the boat went down. They seemed too stunned and shocked to move."

### AIR PERIL AT SEA SLIGHT

By A Naval Correspondent

SUGGESTIONS that seaborne trade will soon be endangered by attacks from long-distance aircraft should not be taken too seriously.

Apart from the question of fuel endurance, it is difficult for aircraft to find a convoy in the broad Atlantic, especially if there is any low cloud or mist.

For many days convoys have been coming in regularly and without any sort of trouble, except that a merchantman was damaged by a mine. She was brought safely into port, and her cargo has since been discharged without harm.

The appearance of a surface raider on the South American trade route was a fairly regular feature of strategical exercises set at the Royal Naval Staff College before the war.

In no instance was a long life guaranteed to such a raider.

### DANCER WHO "JUST COULD NOT STAY STILL"

ALTHOUGH the War Office announcement of the scheme to double the Auxiliary Territorial Service was only made 24 hours before, hundreds of applications for enrolment were received at the Central London Recruiting Depot by first post the next day.

Before the staff could begin sorting them the rush of personnel applications began.

Girls taking a few minutes off from their work, married women with their shopping baskets, parties from the suburbs came, trooping along to Great Scotland Yard. Each was given a form to be filled in at home.

These selected will later be asked to attend for a personal interview and medical examination.

#### Sergeant's 'Don't Worry Ladies'

The recruiting sergeant was careful to impress on them that enrolment will mean submission to military instead of civil law.

"But don't worry, ladies," he added, with a grin. "Things that might get you five years under civil law mean only a five-bob fine in the Army."

ONE of the first to arrive was Miss Gertrude Sheffield, who saw four years' service as a V.A.D. in the last war.

"I see ex-Service women can join up to the age of 50, so I am hoping they will take me on again," she said.

#### With Dance Girls In Germany

Next to Miss Sheffield was a girl, who, at the time of the Munich crisis, was with a dancing troupe in Germany.

She is Miss Maude McNaughton, of Bradley.

"It's exactly a year ago to-day since I got back from that trip," she said. "Since then I've been working in a cigarette kiosk, but I just can't sit still any longer and watch all the men and women going east in uniform."

Another young woman explained that she wished to join up because her husband is a regular soldier and if he is going to France she wants to go too.

Recruiting began at 9:30 a.m. In the first half-hour there were 26

callers. But by 10:30 the women were arriving at the rate of one a minute and extra benches and tables were brought in to accommodate them while they listened to the sergeant's "low talk."

As they were leaving the women saw a group of girls enrolled some time ago waiting with their luggage to go to the training depot. They watched them move off with not a little envy.

### OBITUARY

#### Well-known Hongkong Resident Dies

Mr. Walter Hung died at the Canossa Hospital at 7:30 p.m. yesterday from pneumonia.

Only 30 years of age, Mr. Hung, who was Manager of the Chinese section of the Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamship Company, and Manager of the Sun Wo Steamship Company, leaves a widow, who is a daughter of Sir Robert Kotewall, and two small children, John, aged one year, and Wendy, aged three. Mr. Hung also leaves a mother, two sisters, one of whom married Robert Ho Tung, Jr., and two brothers.

Educated at Hongkong University and taking a B.A. degree in 1933, Mr. Hung rapidly established himself in the business world and at the same time maintained a keen interest in sport, particularly cricket and tennis.

The funeral will leave the Canossa Hospital at 4 p.m. to-day, direct for the Chinese Christian Cemetery, Pokfulam.

#### Mrs. Kipling Dies

Burwash, Sussex, Dec. 19. The death has occurred of Mrs. Rudyard Kipling in her 74th year.

Mrs. Kipling had been in indifferent health since the death of her husband, the famous author, in 1936.—United Press.



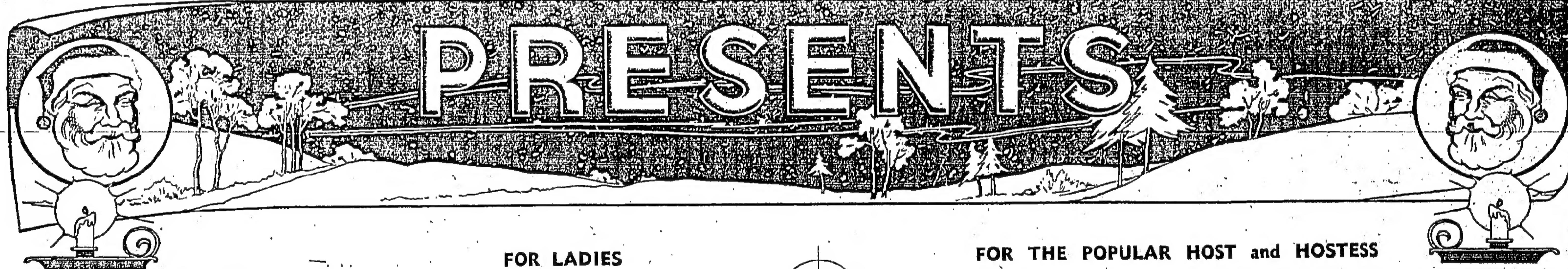
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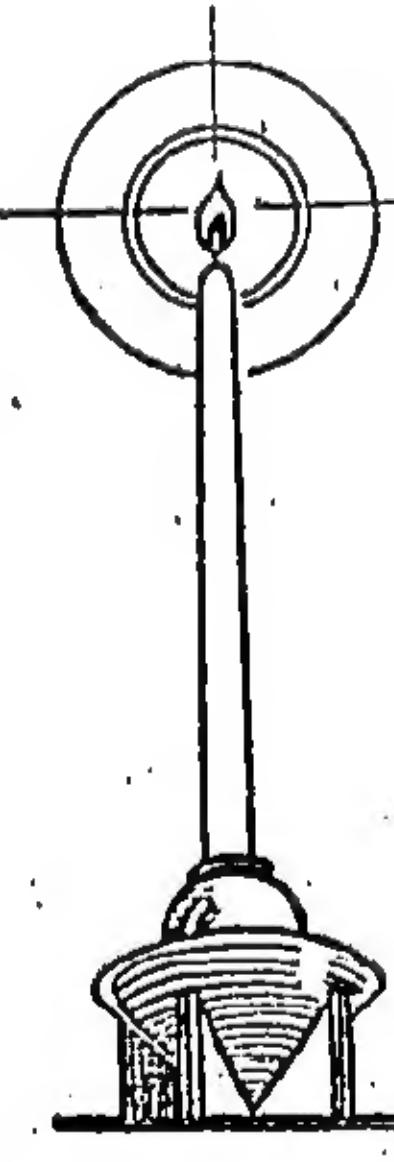


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## JOFFRE'S TROOPS WOULD BE AMAZED

By RICHARD CAPELL

"Daily Telegraph" War Correspondent with the French Army

A commanding officer of every day in the saying that this war begins where the other left off.

You hear it said again and again when the mighty engines of destruction and defence are exhibited for your admiration and awe. But it is also true of the treatment accorded to the humble human servants of the great machine.

A paradox of 1914-18 was that at time went on and the people at home felt the pinch more and more the food we got at the front grew more tolerable.

Early in the war we were fed with a truly wonderful incompetence, wastefully and sickeningly. As the years rolled on there came milk for our tea, vegetables for the stew, and a margarine ration. An effort was in fact made to provide a more or less balanced diet.

I have asked a large number of French soldiers in a variety of circumstances about their food. Not one has complained, though I have had every opportunity of talking with them confidentially.

### Put On Weight

A middle-aged reservist, who sported a row of medal ribbons, said to me that the soldiers of Joffre's armies would have made eyes like saucers at the food that is served to the troops to-day.

And be it recalled that in Joffre's days the tasteless of French Army food was the envy of the British, while our wastefulness was a by-word with the French.

My reservist, a little man, told me that he had put on six kilograms, or nearly a stone, during his two months at the front this autumn.

The French soldier is also much better off than he was last time in the provision of the French equivalent of our Y.M.C.A. huts. The name of this equivalent is "Le Foyer du Soldat."

It existed in a very modest way in 1914. Help from the American Y.M.C.A. made possible a large development, and in 1918 there were nearly 1,000 foyers behind the French lines.

So many is not too many. A regiment—the equivalent of our brigade—comes out of the line. The men are muddy and weary. They have not been through heavy fighting, but their spell in the line has, all the same, been no holiday.

They come back to billets in barns and stable lofts, which do well enough, but are not wonderfully cheerful on a wet autumn evening.

### Comforts Appreciated

At such a time the modest comforts of the foyers are well appreciated. The men pour in. There are hot drinks to be had.

At the counter, chocolate, cakes, soap, writing paper, pencils and fountain pens are on sale at manufacturers' prices. Many of the men come in for a hand of cards. They play bolo—the pongo or bring of the French Army.

Sometimes a foyer will boast the luxury of a billiards or a ping-pong table.

### But if a unit has just come out of the line what most of the men think about is the letter home.

The foyer du soldat is, like the Y.M.C.A., undenominational. It may be said to go further: it takes particular care to avoid giving the impression that it has a didactic aim.

The directors of the foyers know their men: it would be the mistake of mistakes to raise the suspicion that they're welcome, the lighted room and the free writing paper were intended to influence anyone's religious or irreligious opinions or outlook.

### Counsellor And Friend

The directors are in practice dressers. The dressers of each foyer is a motherly Frenchwoman of the educated classes whose business is not only to see that the provision of hot coffee and writing paper does not fail, but also to become a counsellor and friend to the men.

Many of these women have devoted their lives to this work—for the foyers continued their activity in garrison towns and in the colonies between the wars. More than a few are women who suffered bereavement in 1914-18.

Not all the foyers are as yet too well equipped. They have not enough games to go round. Let me then mention the central address of the organisation.

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Readers can easily guess what kind of gifts will be serviceable.

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## TRIBUTE TO THE B.E.F.

### Premier "Amazed" By Progress Made

LONDON, Dec. 19 (Reuter).—Mr. Neville Chamberlain paid a high tribute to the B.E.F. in a broadcast to-night.

He said inter alia:

"I have been impressed by everything I have seen of the troops and their components."

"When I consider the shortness of time the force has been in France, conditions of the weather and other difficulties, I am simply amazed by the progress made."

### Complete Confidence

"I must congratulate the Commander-in-Chief upon the way his preparations for defence have been progressing, and upon the obvious smartness and efficiency of the troops under his command."

"I have been delighted to hear of the excellent relations existing between the B.E.F. and the French inhabitants."

Mr. Chamberlain concluded by saying that he had complete confidence in the ability of the B.E.F. to tackle any task.

### Murder Of Nazi Echo

## Proof Of Our Naval Power

### Three Tasks Carried Out Simultaneously

LONDON, Dec. 19 (Reuter).—A special commentary issued to-day states that the recent news reveals the full extent of the British naval power.

While fighting successful actions in the North Sea and Montevideo simultaneously, the Royal Navy was also engaged in the gigantic task of convoying the first contingent of Canadian forces across the Atlantic.

The successful performance of three such arduous tasks over this wide area sheds light on the foolish German boast of control of the North Sea and Atlantic.

## Communism Growing In Austria

### BUDAPEST.

SOME authentic facts about the situation in Austria have just been made available here.

A growth of aggressive Communism among Vienna workers, partly because of the pact with Stalin and partly because of low wages and the poor quality of food, worries the Nazis.

Strikes have just occurred in several factories, including a locomotive works, where hundreds of workers held up their hands in reply to the question "Who is dissatisfied?" put by the Gestapo (Secret Police) after they had occupied the building.

E.B.C. broadcasts are widely listened to despite this ban. The broadcasts are criticised because of too much talk of Austria's present plight and too little of Austria's future should the democracies win.

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## SHOPPING DAYS TO CHRISTMAS

## HEAVY BOOKINGS AT GRIPPS FOR WEEK-END

BY FAR the biggest and most joyous crowd will gather at the Hongkong Hotel's "Gripps" for the Christmas week-end festivities, if advance bookings are any criterion.

Reservations already in hand indicate that the Colony's most popular centre will be the rendezvous on both Saturday and Sunday nights of an unprecedented crowd.

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These three favourites will be joined from Saturday night by the Six Graces.

Arrival of Force Is Big Surprise

LONDON, Dec. 19 (Reuter).

The arrival of the first Canadian Expeditionary Force has aroused great interest, and newspapers give them a great deal of space.

The first news of the Canadians' arrival was given by Mr. Winston Churchill, the First Lord of the Admiralty, in a broadcast.

Even the people of the port at which they landed did not realise who they were until the men spelt out in unison, C-A-N-A-D-A, and then shouted "CANADA."

They were transferred to the train and marched through the quiet country headed by their band.

They found their camp fitted with every amenity, including iron beds with mattresses, hot and cold water showers, a large mess room and an up-to-date kitchen.

They have already named their camp "Hore-Belisha Palace."

They were promptly given a warm welcome. Those on shore threw them packets of cigarettes, the Canadians replying with apples.

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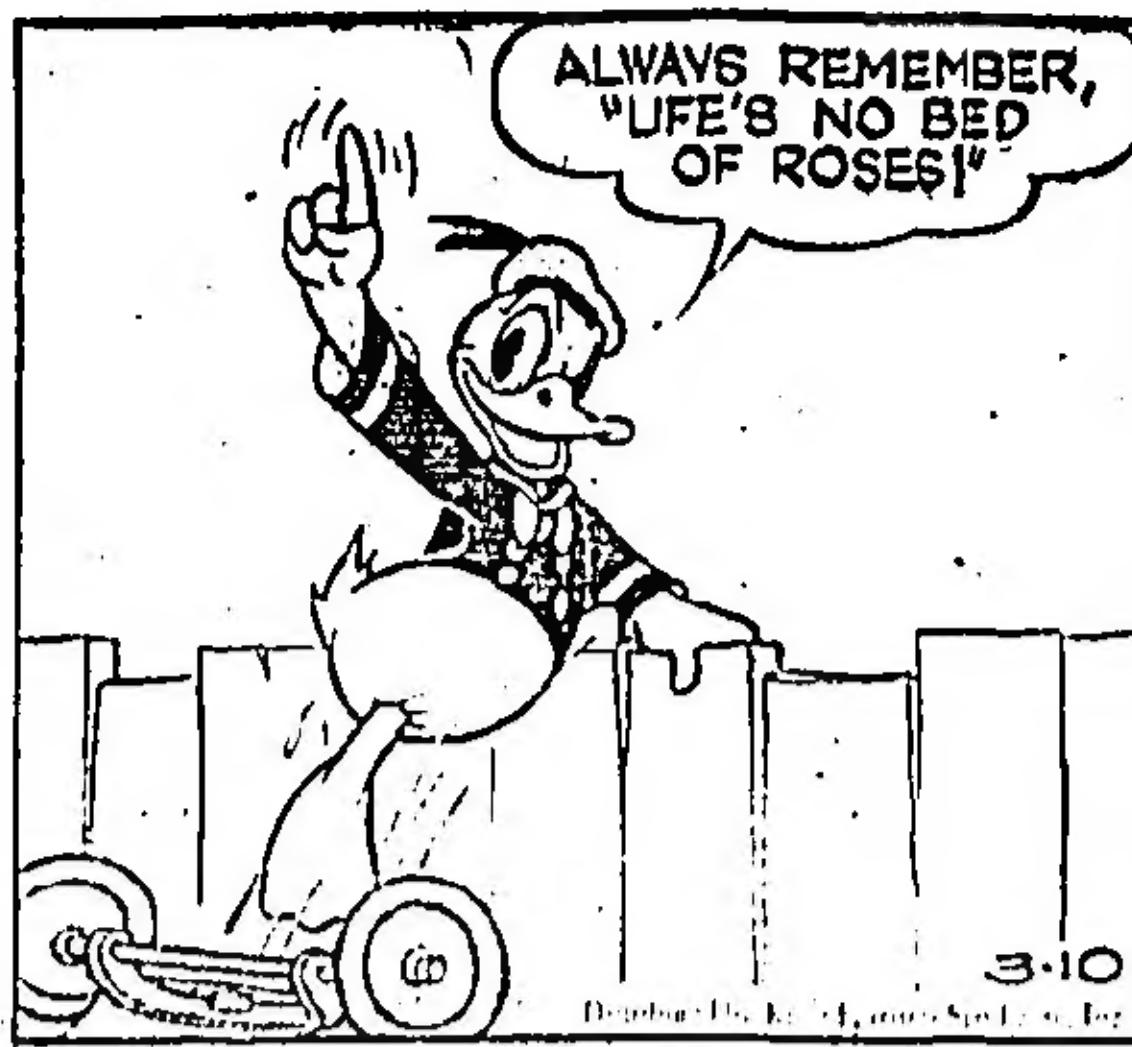
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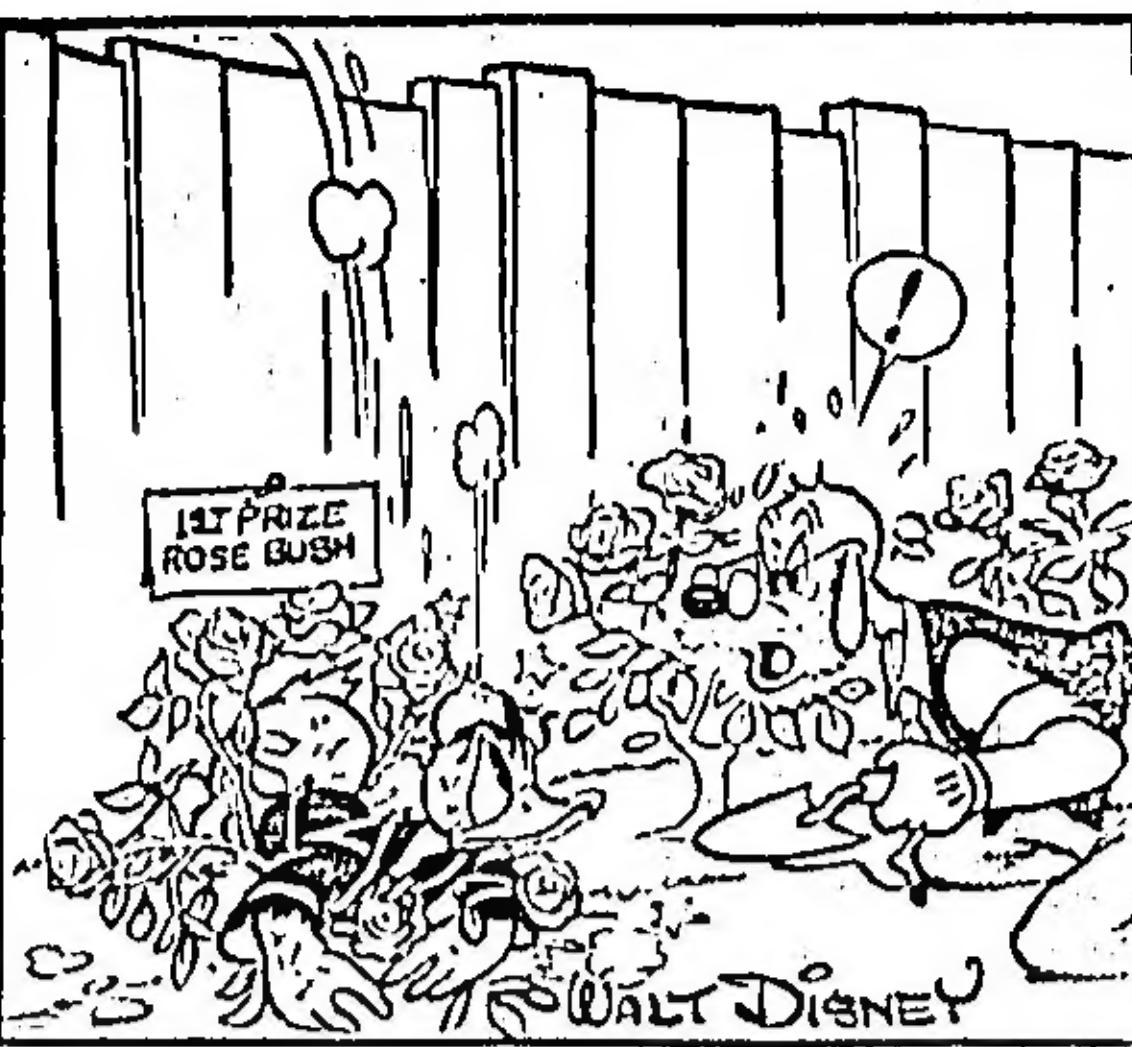
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## Mobilised Industry

"Now that the call has come, the manufacturers of Australia will respond with all the resources at their disposal. Australia's safety may well depend on the ability of Australian industry to supply all the many and varied requirements of modern mechanised warfare."

Australia now makes almost everything necessary for modern warfare from aeroplanes to motor-cars, states the British United Press. For nearly three years the Government has been mobilising private industry, as well as such units as Government railway workshops to supplement Government munition factories.

## Mayfair Witness To Wed Army Officer

Mrs. Pauline Daubeny, who gave evidence at the Old Bailey in April, when four Mayfair men were charged with stealing £2,000 from her flat, was married for the second time at Aldershot, recently.

Her husband is Second-Lieutenant Colin Dennistoun Sward, twenty-three-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Dennistoun Sward, of Glottenham, Robertsbridge, Sussex.

Mrs. Daubeny obtained a divorce from her first husband, one of the Army's tallest officers, this year. She was granted the custody of their year-old baby.

Mrs. Daubeny is a daughter of Princess Nicholas Gallitzine. She was presented at Court in 1930.

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## NERVE CENTRE OF ARMY IN FRANCE

### CORPS OF SIGNALS DEALS WITH 500 CALLS AN HOUR

By DOUGLAS WILLIAMS,

*"Daily Telegraph" War Correspondent  
WITH THE B.E.F. IN FRANCE*

THE switchboard was housed in a cellar. Three soldiers, the Corps of Signals badge on their tunics, worked feverishly without a moment's pause, their voices murmuring an incessant chant as they pushed in or pulled out plugs completing calls.

The multi-panelled board at which they sat was a maze of cords and switches, but they handled it all with the nimble fingers of busy hotel operators. There was no excitement but quick, efficient co-operation.

Through a half-open door leading into another and larger cellar came the clack of teletype machines as the trained fingers of the operators typed out messages in flowing columns of paper.

I stood in the nerve centre of the B.E.F.—in the headquarters of Signals.

Through this centre pass day and night all the myriad communications of an army in the field, from Whitehall to Viscount Gort, from the Commander-in-Chief, in turn to his Corps and Divisional Commanders, from the Quartermaster General to his supply bases, and lines of communication from the British Army to the French Army.

A ceaseless flood of telegrams is handled by the Corps Signals with the same fric平ness ease as though they were passing through the post office at home.

Nearly 500 calls an hour the switchboard receives, incoming and outgoing, more than 700 telegrams a day pass over the electrical teletype machines.

And this in a quiet period of preparation and organisation. It needs little imagination to think to what an extent this traffic would suddenly be swollen in the event of military activity, some sudden move by Hitler or the imminence of actual fighting operations.

Yet I was assured there would be no hitch, no over flooding, that all would be taken care of as speedily and as efficiently.

## DIRECT LINES TO LONDON

Lines, telephone and telegraph, stretch direct to London, to the buses, to the Corps, to the French Army. Three teletypes alone shuttling all day long talking direct into the office of the Signal Master at the War Office.

Where possible existing French Government lines are utilised; but from connections leading forward of G.H.Q. we string all our own wires and thousands of miles of cable have already been used.

The fresh supplies of new drums of wire that come out every day from England are absorbed as quickly as they arrive.

Several sections of motor-cycle riders, each consisting of 23 men, all carefully selected from experienced amateurs of peace-time, spend their days and nights riding the roads of France.

Dangerous Work  
The despatch rider's work is difficult and dangerous. Roads in this part of France, with their high embankments and greasy surfaces, are perilous, and, despite urgent orders demanding the greatest precaution, a number of accidents involving broken limbs and minor concussion have already occurred.

Three or four thousand messages a day stream in and out of despatch rider headquarters, and all are checked, examined for correct address, and delivered within an incredibly short space of time.

As a precaution against damage, or perhaps even the complete interruption of lines, even though they may be buried by bomb attacks, a complete sub-minute wireless service is already available, all built by Army Signals and the Royal Engineers.

## Man Who Finds Homes For B.E.F.

From PHILIP JORDAN News Chronicle Correspondent with the British Expeditionary Force Nov. 24.

FRANCE. FATHER CHRISTMAS has made what may seem a premature appearance in France.

In the red-tasseled person of the Director of Hirings he has turned up at a newly-opened leave port and has rented enough houses and buildings to make an adequate rest camp for men going home on leave.

It will be ready and comfortable before the next batch arrive in the middle of next month to embark on their leave boat.

For obvious military reasons it is not possible to say where this port is, but it can be said that the men will not be wasting a great deal of time on the journey home.

## BILLETS—Better Than Ever

In spite of his unromantic title the Director of Hirings is the man to whom the Army owes thanks for billets more comfortable than any army or active service has ever enjoyed before.

He, his handful of officers and 100 men, are responsible for housing the entire expeditionary force, from the Commander-in-Chief down to the smallest bugler, and almost without exception the whole lot sleep with roofs over their heads.

Ordinary billets cost the Director of Hirings three francs a day for officers, one franc for N.C.O. and 70 centimes for men. It is not a lot when translated into terms of sterling, but the price is fixed by the French authorities, and they consider it adequate.

## ALL EXPERTS

This department of Army life is one more example of the care which has been taken to put round pegs into round holes. Its nucleus was selected by the Chartered Surveyors' Institute. This means that every man in a key position was an expert in civil life at the job which he now does out here.

The two chief lawyers on the staff were found after France had been tooth-combed. Both are experts in French law, and both have additional advantage of having studied in England. They are now agents to the British Army by the French authorities.

When he is not busy signing thousands of leases the Director of Hirings acts as the president of the Claims Commission. That job keeps him busy, too.

## RIGHT TO SUICIDE

Any French civilian who thinks he has a claim against the Army or against any member of it, goes to him, and if the two of them cannot agree, a mixed tribunal gives its opinion on the matter. If the claimant is still unsatisfied, he has the right to sue the British Army in a civil court.

Motor accidents account for the majority of such claims, with damage to beet crops and fields a close second.

## THE "INNER FRONT"

EIGHTY per cent. of meals offered in German restaurants now consists of Stammessen, a kind of hot-pot containing scraps of meat and vegetables.

The people call the food shortage the fight on the "Inner Front."

## POLISH PRIMATE

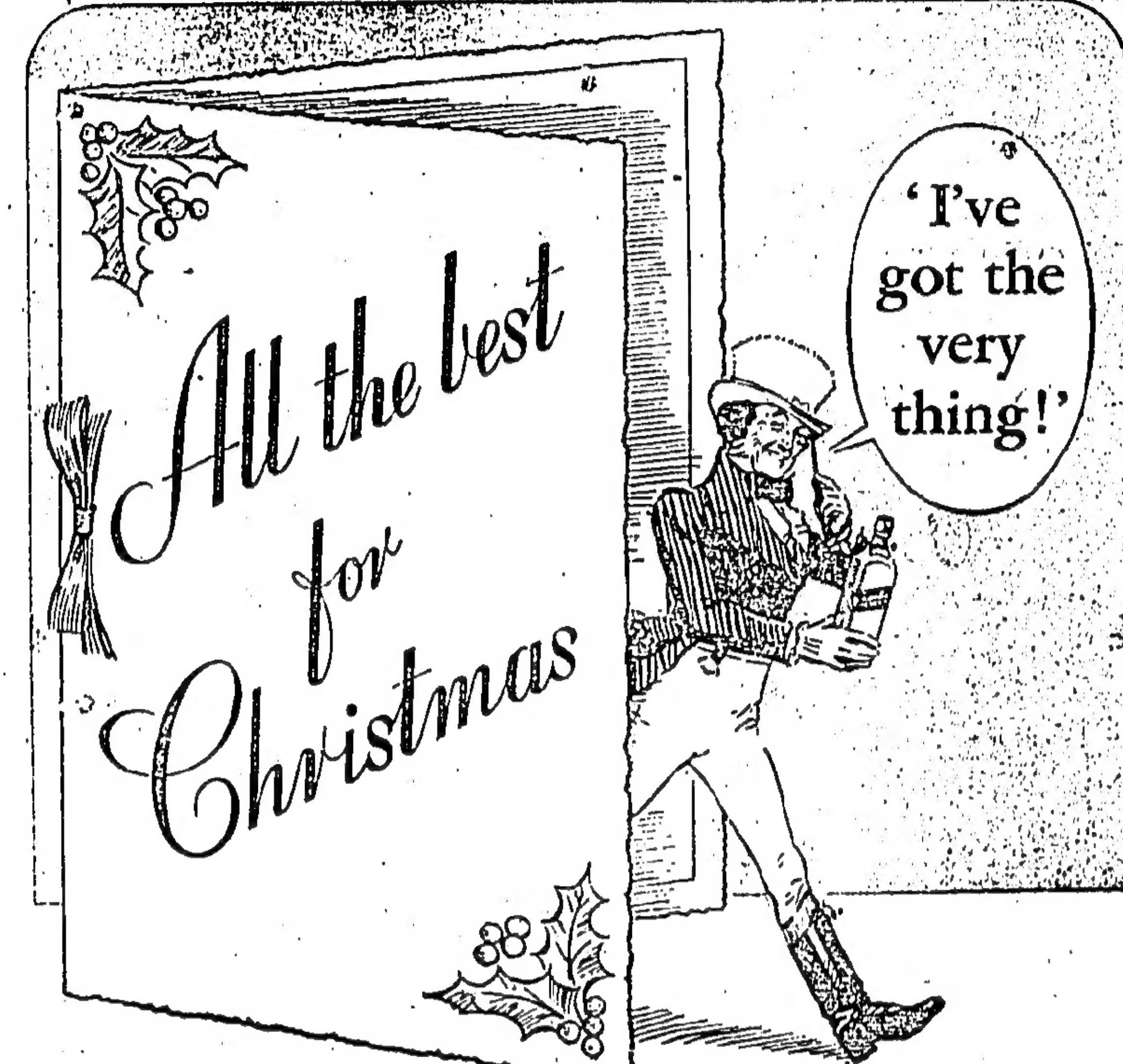
CARDINAL August Hlond, the Primate of Poland, will probably remain in Rome for some time, as the German authorities have refused to give him permission to return to Poland, according to a Rome report quoted on the French radio.

Cardinal Hlond, who is 58, is Archbishop of Agde and Poznan.

At suitable locations the latest type of sending and receiving apparatus has been installed, complete with generators, poles and antennae and all of the other equipment required for a high-powered station.

Tall poles stand in farm mounds and barns, and stables are filled with humming dynamos and flashing lights.

Tucked away in these carefully concealed spots a technical officer and a handful of skilled wireless operators stand by ready at a moment's notice to throw in switches that will bring their powerful plant into immediate emergency operation and send a vital beam of instantaneous connection across France, across the Channel, into the receiving station in England.



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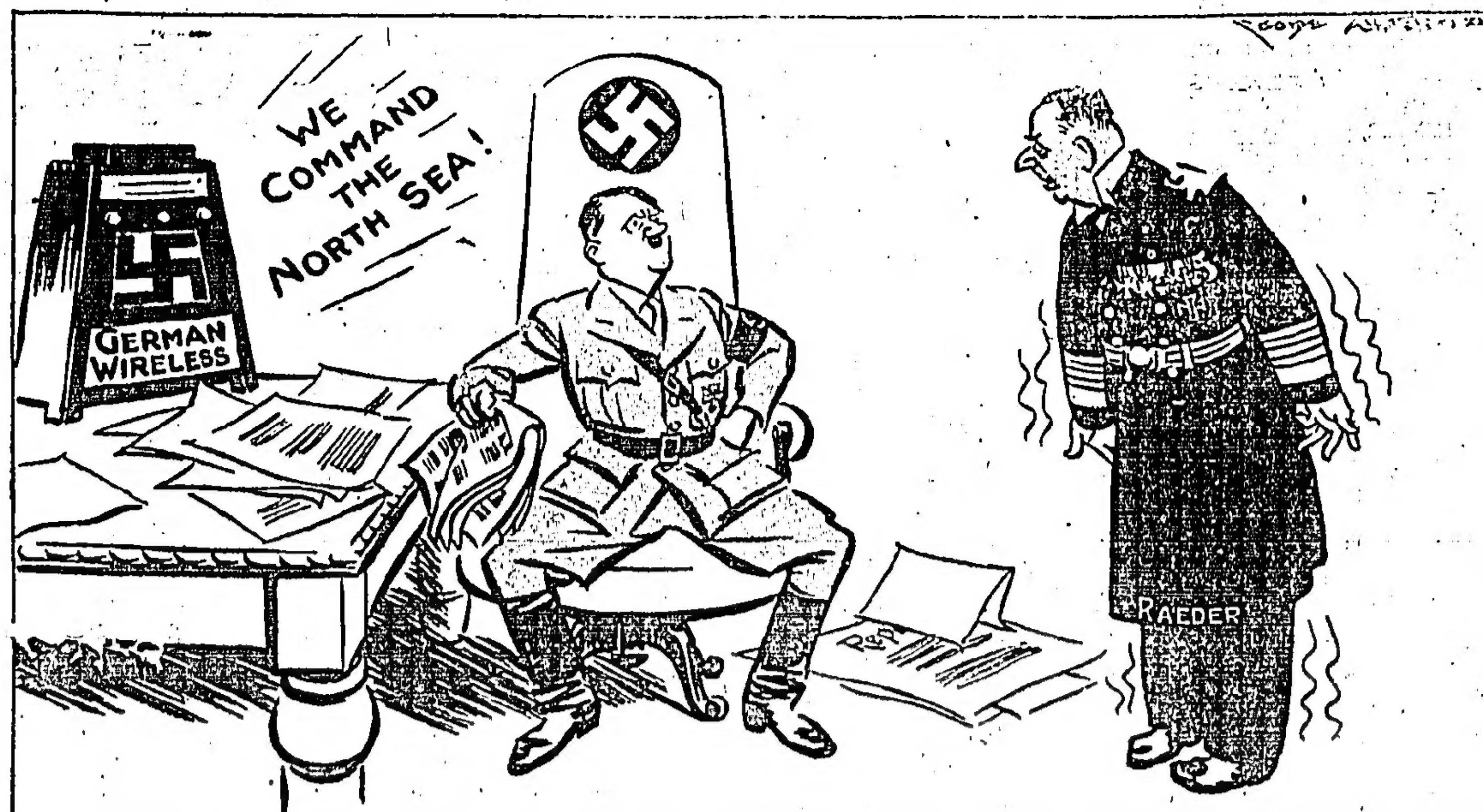
### Britain and Free Speech

A dry seldom passes in which some London newspaper does not complain of the burden of war-time officialdom restricting the freedom of British life. A reader of the London press, recently arrived in England, might come to the conclusion that Britain had ceased to be a democracy and was now governed by a dictatorial bureaucracy.

Yet if he asked himself how he had come to such a conclusion, he would surely think it significant that he had been led to it by reading the public press. Was there ever a purely authoritarian State which permitted such free discussion of grievances? Is there any mention in German press of the suppression of news or of the character of German propaganda? Is anyone in Germany, in print, or in public speech, permitted to criticise the administration or to suggest desirable reform?

It is remarkable evidence of Great Britain's retention of the democratic attitude that, though news about military matters and foreign policy is obstinately censored, there is no restraint whatsoever on general comment except that imposed by the critics on themselves. New orders and regulations are frankly discussed. Complaints against hardship are freely ventilated. The press is active in giving expression to what the people are thinking, and Members of Parliament are alert in asking questions in the House and extracting answers and explanations from Ministers, which in their turn, are reported in the papers.

The result is that public opinion, anxious to back up the Government in regard to all restrictions which are necessary in war, is exerting ceaseless pressure on it to remove abuses or rectify mistakes. Errors, of course, seem inevitable. The indispensable bureaucrat exceeds and will doubtless continue to exceed the justifiable limits of his far-reaching powers. But never beyond a certain point. The people are not silenced. The public will not be ignored. Great as are the sacrifices and the losses of freedom which war involves the democratic sanctions are still operative.



HITLER: "Where is the Admiral Graf Spee? Where is the Leipzig? Where are my beautiful U-boats so many?"

## YOU MUST BE CAREFUL WHAT YOU SAY

In wartime every letter that enters or leaves Britain, except in the diplomatic bag of a neutral embassy, must pass through the postal censorship.

At present this entails a great deal of delay, but there will be less when the department is working properly. The censorship has three legitimate purposes — namely, to stop spies from sending information, to stop other information which would be useful to our enemies, and to interfere with enemy trade and finance. Its misuse for other purposes can be prevented if Parliament does its duty in protecting our rights.

A lot of quite innocent people send information which must be stopped. For example, if a woman in a seaport writes to sister in Holland that she cannot sleep for the noise of the trains, this means that the port is being used on a large scale, perhaps for sending troops abroad; and the letter must be held up.

You may be sure that your foreign friends aren't Nazi agents, but the nation can't take chances in wartime. Things will be much easier if the Government tell us in full detail what kinds of things we must not write.

Then there are the not-quite-so-innocent people who try to get things past the censor. For example, when there was a shortage of fat in 1917 a woman wrote in Germany, that there were big queues waiting to see a music-hall star called G. R. Easel!

And last come the real spies. They can't send cipher messages beginning QVAXL, but they can use apparently harmless invoices as codes if they are in a commercial office.

Or they can have a prearranged code. "The cat had seven kittens" means that seven transports left a port last week.

"Aunt Lottie is not so well" means that there are four battleships in the harbour, and "Aunt Lottie is up again" means that they have put out to sea.

Aunt Flora stands for three sort of things: it is hard to check until some one notices that the cat has kitten every month, or that the writer has seventeen aunts!

THIS kind of code only works for routine information such as troop movements. A spy can also use invisible ink. One can write between the lines of an ordinary letter using a colourless solution which shows up when treated with the right chemical.

A great many kinds of invisible inks are known, and some

can be made from drugs which any one can buy without causing suspicion.

It is easy enough to develop them if you know what ink is being used. During the last war every censorship tried to produce a universal developer which would show up all kinds of secret writing, as the charcoal in a gas mask will stop all the very poisonous gases.

Perhaps we have found such a developer, but I am not very optimistic about it. If not, we will still get a number of first-rate chemists who have not been called up for National Service.

**FINALLY** we have underground trade with the enemy. The Germans will soon be in desperate need of many raw materials. They may be able to buy some of these from their neighbours; if they can make the manufactured goods to pay for them.

But some materials, like rubber, can only come by routes controlled by the British Navy. Synthetic rubber cannot replace it for all purposes, and can only be made by men and machines and from materials which would otherwise be used for making explosives. So the Nazis will try to get rubber by every possible means.

It will be supposed to be for cycle tyres or goloshes in neutral countries, and there will be large fortunes for those who supply it.

**TRADING** with the enemy can only be checked by carefully examining all commercial documents going abroad, and in the case of some commodities by abolishing private foreign trade altogether, as was done in 1914-18.

Honest traders will agree to such measures only if they are sure that the regulations will be used only for national ends, and that those who are found guilty of trading with the enemy will be treated as severely as any other traitors.

A censorship is necessary, but it will be extremely and deservedly unpopular unless its duties are explained to the people, its work supervised by Parliament, and workers in it who exceed

their duties are transferred to jobs where they are no longer a nuisance to their fellow-citizens.

If these things are done, I believe that the public will accept the necessity for the censorship as they have accepted the need

... So I asked if they had ever read the story

I PICKED up my Bible and read in the second chapter of St. Luke:

"And she brought forth her firstborn son... and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn."

In those few words is contained the most significant story in the history of the world.

We are about to celebrate the 1,939th anniversary of the birth of Jesus of Nazareth in the stable at Bethlehem.

Age-long custom has made Christmas-time an occasion for rejoicing and good will among men. It is the feast of the Redeemer of Mankind.

And while we rejoice we might take pains to read again the story of the birth of Christ as recorded in the Holy Bible.

Do you read your Bible?

A famous general declared recently that never did he puzzle without his reading a passage of either the Old or New Testament. The remark occasioned some astonishment, because for some reason or other soldiers and sailors do not seem to go together, although in point of fact some of the most God-fearing men have been soldiers.

Every day before the House of Commons embarks on the questions and debates of the hour the Chaplain reads a passage from the 67th Psalm. "God be merciful to us and bless us, and cause His face to shine upon us."

And at the coronation of our King, the newly crowned Sovereign is given a Bible by the Primate with the words, "Our Gracious King, we present you with this Book, the most valuable thing that this world affords. Here is wisdom; this is the royal law; these are the lively oracles of God."

On the other hand, a member of Parliament who has lately been prominent in the House confessed:

"My Bible is the first of my bedside books. I try, even after the most prolonged session, to read a chapter or two."

"I open it at random but almost always find some verses which arrest attention, which are helpful and of guidance. There is more philosophy in the Old Testament than in all the other books of the world together."

And a few other reactions:

The porter at the block of flats where I live:

"I am a Spiritualist, I am aware of the after-life. My belief has nothing to do with Christian teaching as such."

"But I read the Bible, because, although, porters are not supposed to have either imagination or much culture, I find it is the greatest reading in the world. Every story that has ever been told is to be found in much more exciting form in the Bible."

A Mother's Advice

A SUNDAY school teacher: "I am surprised at your question. Of course I read the Bible, and I make my class learn passages by heart because it is good for them."

"And I give them illustrated texts every Sunday for their scrapbooks so that they may always be reminded of what they ought to know."

A labourer remaking the road close to where I live:

"I have no time to read the Bible, nor, in fact, anything at all except the football results and the pool papers."

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## OVERNIGHT NEWS PAGE

### EXETER'S PART IN BATTLE

London, Dec. 19.  
Further details of the Exeter's flight with the Admiral Graf Spee given by the British Colonial Governor indicate that the enemy sighted the high mast of the Exeter and opened fire from 12½ miles. The Exeter returned the fire, the vessel steaming parallel.

The first salvo from the Admiral Graf Spee's 11-inch guns fell short, the second went directly astern, the third and fourth missed, the fifth scored a hit and later there were a number of direct hits.

The impact of one shell on the Exeter's forward turret killed outright eight out of 15 of the crew of marines, and made havoc of the bridge immediately above. The Captain was in the centre of one or two survivors left unscathed.

The Exeter closed on receding three or four more hits from 11-inch shells, and coming under the fire of the Admiral Graf Spee's 5.8 guns, she returned shot for shot till only one of her eight-inch guns could be fired, and that by hand.

Numerous shells which fell alongside riddled the ship's side and upper works and the steering gear was damaged just after 7 p.m. For the following 45 minutes the Captain steered by boat compass from the after-control, forward of the main mast. Through a chain of 10 sailor directions were conveyed from man to man to the after-steering wheel and the engine room, until the ship was no longer serviceable as a fighting unit and fell out of the action.

Numerous fires broke out but those were kept under control by the men throwing the burning material into the sea, and below deck, where the fires were most numerous, by the staunchness of the fire parties.

The labours of the engine room staff were incredible. Normally two hours are required to work up to full speed, but the impossible was achieved in 20 minutes.

The Admiral Graf Spee clearly concentrated on the destruction of the Exeter in the early stages of the engagement.

Of the heroes of the wounded much might be related. One man with both legs shot off said on enquiry that he was not doing "too badly." He later died ashore.—Reuter.

### MARKET STALL RENTS UNDER DISCUSSION

Matters relating to market stall rent, the proposed policy for the registration of food preserving establishments and the proposed erection of a small flush water-closet in the Kowloon King George V Memorial Field were dealt with at the fortnightly meeting of the Urban Council yesterday.

Moving a further amendment to the by-laws under the heading of "Markets" set forth in the Schedule to the Public Health (Food) Ordinance, 1935, the Chairman (Mr. W. J. Carrie) said:

This is actually no new proposal, because market stall rents were revised some five or six years ago. Special authority of the Sanitary Board was obtained and the revision was made by the then Head of the Sanitary Department, but we had no legislative sanction. Of course, in the market stalls are held on a month to month lease, all that was necessary in revising the rent was to give each stall a month's notice. This amendment proposes to make the thing perfectly clear and above board.

Dr. T. W. Ware seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

The amendment reads—" (6) In addition to the powers conferred by Condition (1), in the event of a stall holder, or a relative holding in his stead, remaining in possession of a market stall, whether that originally let or one substituted therefore, for a period of five years from the date of the first letting, the Council shall have power to vary the rental of such stall without cancelling the tenancy and calling for sealed tenders for further letting."

#### Food Preserving Policy

Dealing with the correspondence relative to the proposed policy for the registration of food preserving establishments, the Chairman said the proposal was put forward by him on the advice of the health officers and was to the effect that in general no permission should be granted to food preserving establishments except on ground floors of reinforced buildings.

In this particular case, the proposal concerned preservation of sausages, dried and ransomed meat. One member had raised the question that the wording of one of the by-laws should therefore be altered in order to make it perfectly clear that ground floors only were acceptable.

"I must make it clear," went on the Chairman, "that in many cases ground floors and the upper floors might be leased; that would not be contrary to the general policy. What we do not want is the use of the ground floor for something else besides as a food preserving shop, and I think the by-law in question must remain as it is. The proposal has been agreed in circulation with the approval of this Council, and

# FINNISH POSITION STATED TO BE DETERIORATING

#### Luxembourg Fears Developments

BRUSSELS, Dec. 19 (Reuters Bulletin)—New measures which are being taken in the Duchy of Luxembourg are having a somewhat disquieting effect on the population, according to reports received in Belgium.

The police are now guarding all public places and main street intersections for undisclosed reasons.

Last on Sunday night, the Government had a long meeting.

#### WARNING TO THE WORLD

Shanghai, Dec. 19. The world war spy, Trebitsch-Lincoln, alias Abbott Chao Kung, in a statement making a final appeal for peace, demands that the British, French, German and Russian Governments should immediately resign simultaneously, after which new Governments should call for a worldwide peace conference.

Falling this, the Tibetan Buddhist Supreme Masters, without prelude, predilection or favour, shall unchain forces and powers whose very existence is unknown to you, and against whose operations you are consequently helpless.

"The world leaders are mere human beings subject to all human limitations, with the sole exception of the Buddhist Supreme Masters, who by their unlimited and unbounded knowledge of nature's secret and the ability to use the will of certain Powers, have broken through those limitations," he continues.

"The United States could have prevented the European war, but followed the path of open partiality, prejudice and downright injustice, cloaked in phrases pretending to be that is virtuous."

The statement adds that the British, French, German and Russian Governments are all guilty of provoking war. Regardless of the background of the Sino-Japanese war, Japan is willing to use peace but China continues her insane scorched earth policy.—United Press.

#### But Russians Still Are Not Having Own Way

London, Dec. 19. A message from the Norwegian-Finnish frontier states that, piercing Finland from the extreme north, Red Army troops have turned the Finnish defence line south of Salimajaervi and continued the march southwards. They are now over 60 miles from Petsamo and have apparently occupied 100 miles of territory along the Norwegian border.

The Finnish troops are retreating in good order, probably on a pre-arranged plan, while a small detachment is carrying on guerrilla warfare behind the Russian lines.—Reuter.

#### Position Deteriorates

Copenhagen, Dec. 19. Pushing across central Finland in an attempt to cut the country in two, Russians are reported to have been successful at Salla, just north of the "wasp waist" in the drive against Keniajärvi some 50 miles further west.

If the report is true the Finnish troops are in danger of being cut off from their supplies in the south.

On the Petsamo front the Finnish position is reported to be more dangerous. A Russian victory is reported in a battle south of Petsamo and the Russian drive towards Pitkäjärvi is claimed in Soviet communiqué is confirmed here.

Three Russian regiments are reported to have been destroyed by the Finns at Suomussalmi.

The Finns are holding out south of Lake Ladoga.—Reuter.

#### Crushing Resistance

Helsinki, Dec. 19. The weather was the clearest today since the war began, the sky being blue with wispy clouds.

The Russians are reported to have renewed their attacks on the Mönsterheim Line, despite heavy losses, apparently believing that Finland's small naval power cannot long withstand the incessant pounding. The latest attack was to the west of the middle isthmus.

In the past three days the Russians attacked with great force six different places along the Line. Finnish military observers believe that the Russians plan to continue the series of punches, hoping to keep their mighty strength unrested, but it is indicated that Finland has more reserves than it is realised, including 200,000 women enrolled in an unpaid corps doing men's work and releasing the latter for fighting.

The Russian theory of war is the use of an overwhelming mass of tanks and artillery, followed by infantry, against the Finnish theory of skilled man power using the geographical and natural obstacles to mobility to knock out the machines.

This is illustrated in the official Finnish reports that 72 Russian tanks have been destroyed and captured in three days.

The fighting has extended 120 miles from the Isthmus along Lake Ladoga.—United Press.

#### Smallpox Attacks Russians

Helsinki, Dec. 19. Small-pox has broken out among the Russian army in Finland, according to reports reaching here.

It is stated that the outbreak is spreading rapidly and has already reached the proportions of an epidemic.

A further 2,000 men from Moscow have been brought to reinforce the Russian troops in Finland.—Reuter.

#### Helsinki Alarmed

Helsinki, Dec. 19. Russian planes passed over Helsinki at 11.25 a.m. local time and met heavy anti-aircraft and machine gun fire. As far as is known no bombs were dropped. The all clear was given at 12.15 p.m.

It is not intended that this small closet should be for the general use of the public; it is mainly for the sake of children who are in the field at the time. I think that mecha with Mr. Basto's objection. It was originally thought that owing to the latrine outside any other provisions would be unnecessary, but the health officers strongly recommended that there should be something within the field for the use of children.

The Chairman then proposed that application should be made to Government for the provision of such closet. Dr. Ware seconded, and this was agreed to.

#### Application Rejected

Helsinki, Dec. 19. Applications for a milk shop licence for 102 Thomson Road, ground floor, and for a goat licence for the premises on K.M.L. No. 52, Bailey's Shipyard, were refused.

Licences granted by the Council between December 5 and 10 totalled 13, including one for food factories, one for bake houses, five for wine and six for eating houses.

Those present at the meeting were: Mr. W. J. Carrie (Chairman), Dr. T. W. Ware (Vice-Chairman), Hon. Mr. A. B. Purves, Hon. Mr. R. A. North, Mr. F. C. Hall, Mr. L. C. Bellamy, Mr. A. E. Arculli, Dr. S. N. Chau, Hon. Mr. W. N. Thomas, Mr. B. Wong Tsoo, Mr. Tang Shiu-kin, Mr. C. J. Roe (Secretary), Mr. Im Ping-sheng (Assistant Secretary).

The exhibition opens at 9 a.m.

**MONOTYPE EXHIBITION**

The Exhibition of Monotypes arranged by Mrs. Erne Friedlander, which is being held at the St. Andrew's Hall in Kowloon, has been extended for an additional day, and will be shown until 6 p.m. to-day.

The exhibition opens at 9 a.m.

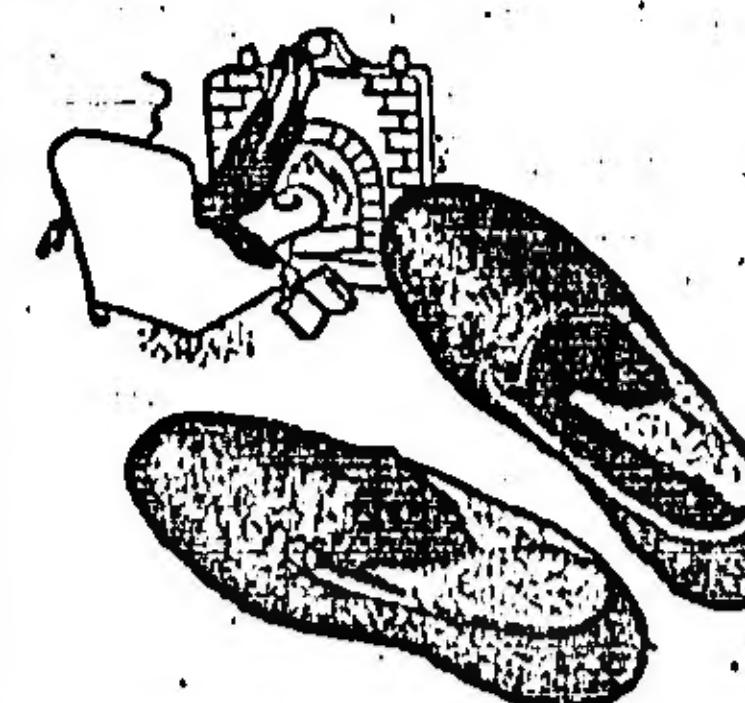
#### Mysterious Arrival

A C.N.A.C. plane arrived at Kai Tak about 11 p.m. yesterday from Chungking with ten passengers, including a hospital case from a British gunboat. The patient was accompanied by a British Naval doctor who went to Chungking from Hongkong last week.

A naval ambulance which had waited at the airport since 7 p.m. rushed the patient to the Naval Hospital.

Officials refused to divulge the name of the patient or the nature of his complaint or injury.

Something he can wear



A nice pair of Slippers for comfort after a tiring day will please any man, from \$7.50 per pair.

#### EMPIRE UNITY Canadians Arrive In England

London, Dec. 19. The Canadian Expeditionary Force received a very enthusiastic welcome when the men streamed ashore in thousands on Sunday.

Great liners, guarded by a formidable squadron from the Royal Navy, brought the soldiers into the British port, while a fleet of aeroplanes patrolled overhead, guarding against any surprise attack.

The troops represent every part of Canada, and include some Red Indians.

Many of the Canadians served in the last war, but the majority are youngsters.

When the troops were drawn up on the pier, they heard the General Officer Commanding read a message of welcome from His Majesty the King, who said: "The British Army will be proud to have as comrades in arms the successors of those who came from Canada in the Great War and fought with a heroism that has never been forgotten."

The Canadians doffed their caps and cheered Mr. Anthony Eden, Secretary of State for the Dominions, when he officially welcomed them. Mr. Eden said: "The British people will never forget the great co-operation. The last war, before it may be a long time—certainly will be a long time—but in the assurance of the peoples of the British Commonwealth it will result in a final victory."

The Commander-in-Chief of the Canadian Forces, Major General G. McNaughton, replied, expressing gratitude to the King and to Mr. Eden, and to the Royal Navy for their splendid safeguarding of the troops across the Atlantic. The troops then entrained for a camp-in-a-distant part of Britain.—Reuter.

#### Bengal Assurance

Calcutta, Dec. 19. Mr. Nahini Ranjan Sarkar, Finance Minister of the Bengal Government has resigned after abstaining from voting on a resolution passed by the Bengal Legislative Assembly assuring full co-operation in the prosecution of the war.

The resolution, which was passed by 82 to 42 votes, also urged the granting of Dominion status to India immediately after the war and the framing of a new constitution providing for effective safeguards for the minorities.

Mr. Sarkar explained his abstention, saying that he could not acquiesce in investing the minorities with power for vetoing all political advancement.

The Government Coalition Party subsequently passed a vote of no confidence in Mr. Sarkar in view of his total disregard of the unanimous Party decision.—Reuter Special.

#### STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary issued yesterday says:

Surplus appearances would indicate an easier feeling in the market, particularly as the list does not contain a plethora of buying prices. But as usual it is found that enquiries even of a modest kind, elicit the fact scrip difficult to acquire.

#### Buyers

H.K. Bank ..... \$1,335

Union Insurances ..... \$400

Humphreys ..... \$7,00

Star Ferries ..... \$66

Yatman Ferries ..... \$231/2

China Lights (Old) ..... \$8.00

China Lights (New) ..... \$5

Electric ..... \$55

Telephones (New) ..... \$8 1/2

Cements ..... \$10 1/2

Dairy Farms (Old) ..... \$21

Dairy Farms (New) ..... \$20 1/2

Entertainments ..... \$6.00

Constructions (Old) ..... \$1 1/2

#### Sellers

H.K. and S. Hotels ..... \$8.15

Telephones (Old) ..... \$20 1/2

Cements ..... \$10 1/2

Watsons ..... \$8.00

#### Sales

H.K. Bank ..... \$1,350

Humphreys ..... \$8

Tramways ..... \$17

Telephones ..... \$24 1/2

Electrics ..... \$8.00

Watsons ..... \$8.00

Constructions (Old) ..... \$1 1/2

#### Reminder

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### CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

## Around The Courses

# NOVEL MATCH TO AID RED CROSS

## Mrs. Kew Wins Country Club Ladies' Cup By Last Putt Of Match

(By "Birdie")

GOLF HAS SEEN SEVERAL novel contests, and quite a few were played during the last great war, but the latest one has arisen out of a desire on the part of Joe Davis, world snooker champion, to raise money for the British Red Cross. He has offered to meet Henry Cotton in a series of golf and snooker matches.

All that Davis wants from Cotton is a stroke a hole, and he, in turn, offers the golfer six blacks start at snooker. Cotton is interested, and though of the opinion that no handicap at snooker could be high enough for him, is willing to meet Davis in both games—provided Davis gives him some lessons at snooker first!

At the start of the last war in 1914, J. N. Farrar, a native of Hoylake, took a 10-1 bet that he could not go round the Royal Course under 100 strokes fully equipped in full infantry marching order, water bottle, full field kit and haversack. He won by going round in 94.

Several golfers, including professionals, later tried this feat, and failed.

ONE of the greatest handicaps there is in golf is the mental handicap. I read somewhere recently of a "freak" match that was based on this factor. A low single-figure handicap player paired up with a poor golfer, and before the match offered the usual handicap of strokes difference. This was refused, and the suggestion put forward by the second man that he be allowed the privilege of saying "boo" at any three times during the round, and there would be no stroke difference.

This was agreed to, and the "psychologist" won quite comfortably—and with two "boos" in hand!

A DIFFERENT kind of handicap is at a distance allowance. At Littlehampton in 1924, Harry Rowntree, an amateur, played the better ball of Edward Ray and George Duncan, and received an allowance of 150 yards to use as he required during the round.

Rowntree won by 6 and 5, having used only 50 yards two feet of his allowance. At one hole Duncan took two, and Rowntree, who was 25 yards short, took off his handicap to hole out in one!

Ray afterwards declared that if he were given one yard handicap per round he would win every championship in the world. And it is quite feasible when one considers how many putts stop an inch or two from the hole, or how much difference is between a bunker and the fairway by a matter of an inch or two.

ONE of the closest matches that has ever been played in the Ladies Cup competition at the Country Club, Sheungshui, was the final between Mrs. A. J. Kew and Miss A. Sequira last Sunday. Mrs. Kew won on the last putt!

The first round ended all square, Mrs. Kew having gone round in 47 and Miss Sequira in 49. The second nine were completed in 45 and 46 respectively, and, actually, in strokes they were equal—92 each.

In the last hole, Miss Sequira had the misfortune to land on the edge of a penalty ditch through missing allowance for the wind which failed at the wrong moment. Without a foothold, she had to chip on to the fairway, and reach the green in three. It was that chip

### AFTER FEVER CARE

During fever, the whole system including the digestive organs is undrained and weakened. Convalescence will be hastened if tissue can be quickly rebuilt and strength restored by building up reserves. The patient must be encouraged to take as much nourishing food as the capacity of the weakened digestive organs will allow. Doctors all over the world have found that Horlicks supplies the right kind of nourishment in an easily digested form. Furthermore, it is palatable and helps to stimulate the appetite. Get Horlicks to-day, at your store. In an amazingly short time you will be up and strong again, full of vigour and vitality.

### Scotland's XI To Meet England On Dec. 26

Scotland's team to meet in the Sunday Herald Charity Cup on the Football Club ground on Tuesday at 3.30 p.m. was selected yesterday. Players are to report to Mr. W. Pryde, manager, in the dressing room at 3 p.m. Uniforms, shorts and stockings will be supplied.

The team is:—Duncan (Scots); A. Bain (City), Blackburn (Police), Captain Clarke (Golf Club), McLean (Club), Williamson (Kowloon), Clarke (Scots), Munro (Scots), Pryde (Police), Hossack (Scots), Ferrer (Police), Tait (Middlesex), Reserves, Dignan (Signals), Birrell (Engineers), Gibb (Scots).

At a distance allowance, Mrs. Kew won the hole with 5.

ONE cannot hesitate to congratulate J. T. Smith on his third big win in the Colony. F. D. Hunter's anticipated challenge in the R.H.K.G.C. Championship did not materialise, and little wonder in view of Smith's winning score. Hunter improved six strokes in the afternoon on his morning round of 30. Smith went round in the morning in 72, but bettered that in the afternoon with a 69!

On greens that were very true, Smith was deadly accurate. At the 12th, in both rounds he sank 2½, while nine of his other holes were 3's.

It seems that as long as the champion remains in Hongkong, he will remain champion (on present form).

TWO close games were seen in the first round of the Country Club Junior Championship. The complete results were:

A. G. Botelho beat L. Roza Pereira 4 and 3.

A. R. de Pinna beat R. E. Lee 2 up.

S. V. Gittins beat M. F. de Pinna 1 up.

H. R. de Pinna beat W. G. Williams on the 20th.

W. C. Hung beat A. A. Alvares 8 and 6.

C. Kew beat A. Gutierrez 5 and 4.

Geo. Lee beat C. Roza Pereira 7 and 5.

Gittins beat Pinna on the last putt, while, as can be seen, Pinna and Williams went to the 20th green.

The second round will be played off during the Christmas Holidays.

E. SADICK (70) and C. Kew (82) qualified for the Captain's Cup competition on Sunday last.

### H. K. C. C. Teams To Play Recreio

The following teams will represent Hongkong Cricket Club against Recreio on Saturday:

Firsts (away)—T. A. Pearce (Capt.), D. S. Carey, G. P. Charlton, D. D. Gillies, M. F. L. Haynes, J. L. Isley, J. L. C. Pearce, L. T. Rude.

Seconds (home)—E. J. R. Mitchell (Capt.), C. W. Bishop, H. J. D. Lowe, Macleod, A. K. Mackenzie, D. O. Parsons, R. E. W. Paterson, J. R. Potter, D. S. Ross, W. Sleath, E. M. Sulter.

### SPORTSMEN IN TRAINING



Bert Sproston (Manchester City), Willie Cook (Everton), Eddie Watts (Surrey C.C.) and Gordon Gunson (Liverpool) under instruction of Sgt. Instructor Ted Harper (Blackburn). These are some of the many cricketers and footballers in England who are busy taking a course in the Physical Training Branch of the Army.

### Middleweight Title

## Lee Shows Considerably More Punch Power Than Ceferino Garcia

Ceferino Garcia, world's middleweight champion, may be rated the hardest middleweight puncher in the world to-day, but it was Glen Lee, the American title contender, who displayed the punching power in training, states the Manila Bulletin. Demonstrating the vicious mauling that enabled him to score victories over the leading middleweights in the world, including Garcia, Solly Kreiger, and Fred Apostoli, Lee smacked around his sparring partners with merciless abandon, and had three of the four boys who worked out with him sprawled out on the canvas several times.

He first took on Bobby Wills, claimant to the welterweight championship of Japan who recently returned to Manila and floored him three times in the first round. He eased up in the second round but even at that the Japanese champion called it quits after the second round.

Lee then turned his guns upon Vic Vicente, another 145-pounder, but he too quit after being dumped in the first round. Johnny Cabral next went in against the Nebraskan and lasted one round.

Just to show that he not only has a punch but also has plenty of speed, Lee next took on Francisco Farin, a lightweight whom he knocked down three times in the three-minutes of workout.

### LOSS OF CONFIDENCE

AFTER seeing Lee in action yesterday, Garcia's backers are not so confident that the coming little bout will be an easy one for the Filipino world champion.

Garcia worked five rounds, and drew a big hand on the manner he handled himself against his sparring

partner.

The China Clipper, having

been delayed through bad weather off the Philippines, arrived at Kai Tak yesterday, but without Jack Dempsey, former heavyweight champion of the world. He was met at Manila by the formal Reception Committee, who would not hear of his continuing his trip and visit Hongkong because of the heavy schedule of entertainment they had arranged for him.

It is probable, however, that he will visit the Colony following the Lee-Garcia fight on Saturday.

Partners: He first went two rounds with Jimmy Castro, a welterweight, and two rounds with Joe Velasco, a featherweight.

He planned to work out two or three rounds with Young Nursing, his chief sparring partner, but after one round of battering, Nursing's manager refused to let his boy go another round. Garcia clipped Nursing with a right hook in that one round of activity and sent him to the floor.

A special \$1 Sweep will be run on "The Fanling Cup".

Through Tickets costing \$10, include a chance in the Special \$1 Sweep and may be obtained at the Secretaries Office, Messrs. Thomson & Co., Hongkong & Shanghai Bank Building, or at the Cash Sweep Department, 17, Connaught Road Central.

**TRAINING DIFFICULTY**

BOTH Garcia and Lee are having difficulty getting sparring partners

## WEEK-END SHOOT

### Excellent Conditions At Stonecutters

#### Small Units Cricket

#### 40th Company To Represent R. Engineers

BEATING the 22nd Coy. R.E., by six wickets at Sookunpoo yesterday, the 40th Coy. gained the honour of representing the Royal Engineers in the Small Unit Knock-out cricket competition.

Except for L/Cpl. Shaw (40) and L/Cpl. Waite (37), none of the 22nd Coy. batsmen could do anything against the 40th bowling, particularly Denyer. Shaw hit seven fours and Waite five. The last five wickets fell for 28 runs.

Fortieth Coy.'s first wicket fell at 30 and another followed five runs later. Freeman, who opened, and Carpenter carried the score to 73, when both left, and Denyer and Shipp remained together until the 22nd Coy.'s score was passed. Freeman hit five fours in his 37 and Shipp the same number in his 28 not out.

The enthusiasm of both spectators and boxers was high, and the same spirited boxing of the first night was evidenced.

The tournament continues to-day at 7.30 p.m. The following were the positions at the end of last night's fighting:

Headquarters 39 points, "A" Coy. 34 pts., "B" Coy. 35, "C" Coy. 34 pts., and "D" Coy. 30 pts.

The results were:

Headquarters is leading with 51 points, followed by "A" Coy. 38, "B" Coy. 35, "C" Coy. 34, and "D" Coy. 30.

Heavyweight.—Pte. Bridle (C) k.o.

Pte. Jennings (A), Pte. Flood (HQ)

k.o. Pte. Ellis (D).

Light Heavyweight.—Pte. Revell

(HQ) k.o. Pte. Newman (C), Pte. Webb (A) k.o. Pte. Rayner (D).

Middleweight.—(1st string) L/Cpl. Wooley (C) bent Malham (C).

Cpl. Manning (B) beat Cpl. Bedding (D); 2nd string, Pte. Marable (A)

bent Pte. Morgan (D), L/Cpl. Wilson (HQ) k.o. L/Cpl. Goodman (B).

3rd string, Pte. Williams (HQ) bent Pte. Bennett (C).

Welterweight.—(1st string) L/Cpl. Shaw (C) bent Thomson (C); 3rd string, Pte. Hurlock (A); 2nd string, Pte. Bridge (HQ) bent Pte. Day (A); 3rd string, L/Cpl. Colbeck (C) beat Pte. Claridge (A); 4th string, Pte. Colon (A) k.o. Dino Onslow (HQ).

Featherweight.—Pte. Cummerford (A) beat Bds. Bolam (B) a walk-over.

Bantamweight.—Pte. Tait (B) k.o.

Pte. Clarke (D), Dmr. Williams (HQ) beat Pte. Hooper (C).

For 4 wickets

Bowling Analysis

O. M. R. W.

Tair Parsons ..... 0 0 25 1

Lane Parsons ..... 0 0 45 2

Waite ..... 0 0 31 1

Denyer ..... 0 0 33 5

Captain Freeman, 40th Coy. b Box

Sgt. Bailey, b. b. Waite

S. M. Green b Ratcliffe

Bert Carpenter, c. b. b. Corp. Parsons

L/Cpl. Waite, not out

L/Sgt. Shipp, 3, no balls 2

For 5 wickets

Bowling Analysis

O. M. R. W.

Ratcliffe ..... 0 0 45 1

Waite ..... 0 0 31 1

Box ..... 0 0 31 1

Cork ..... 0 0 25 1

Waite ..... 0 0 14 0

Total ..... 122

U.S.S. Barker

V. P. Beckwith ..... 93 101 104 1

S. E. Grenack ..... 94 98 107 1

L. E. Frederick ..... 102 93 95 1

R. E. Kelly ..... 102 93 95 1

Total ..... 1,143

H. S. Baker

J. A. Vasko ..... 118 93 95 1

J. R. Terry ..... 93 77 85 1

H. R. Koslosky ..... 70 63 75 1

Total ..... 1,104

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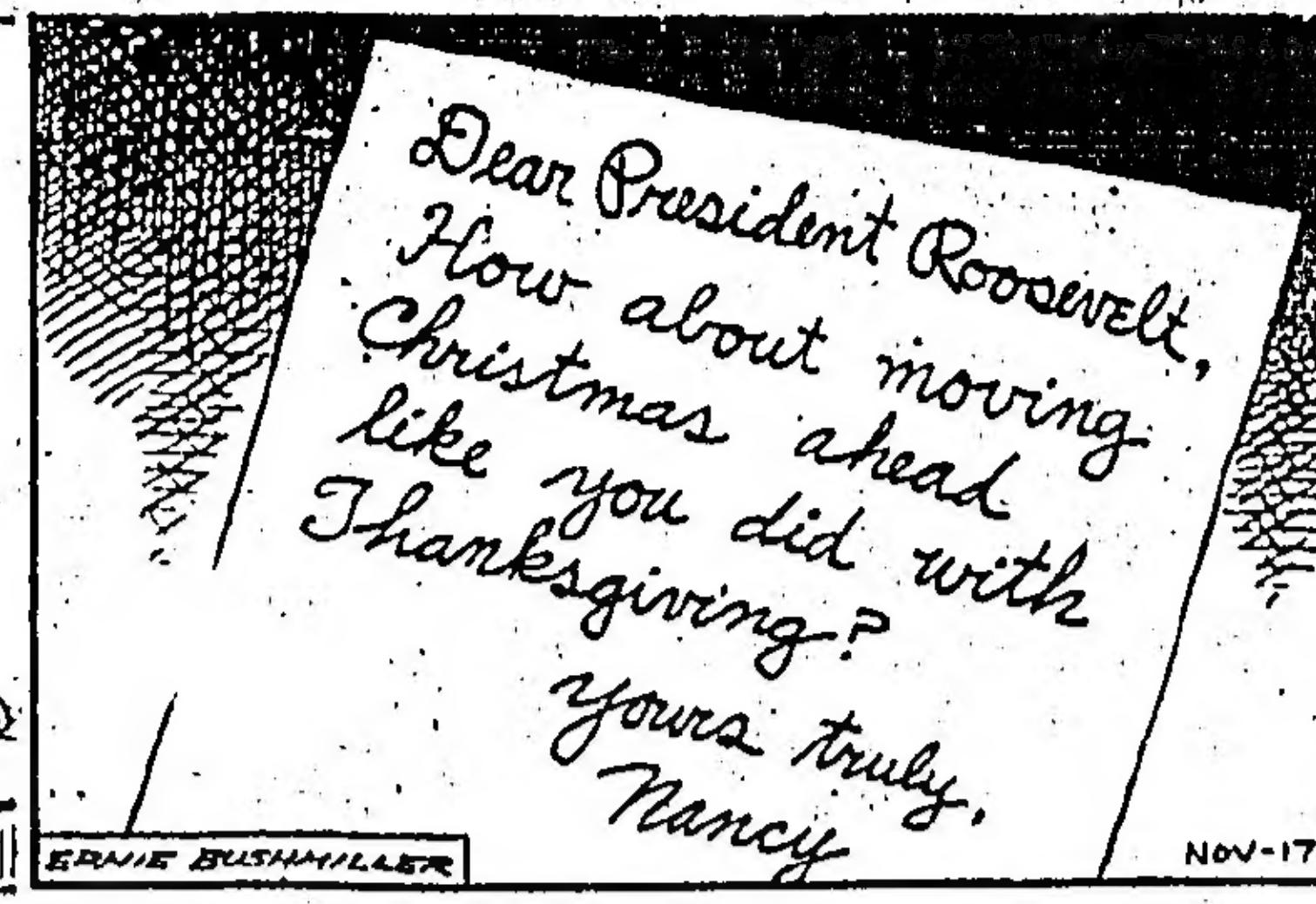
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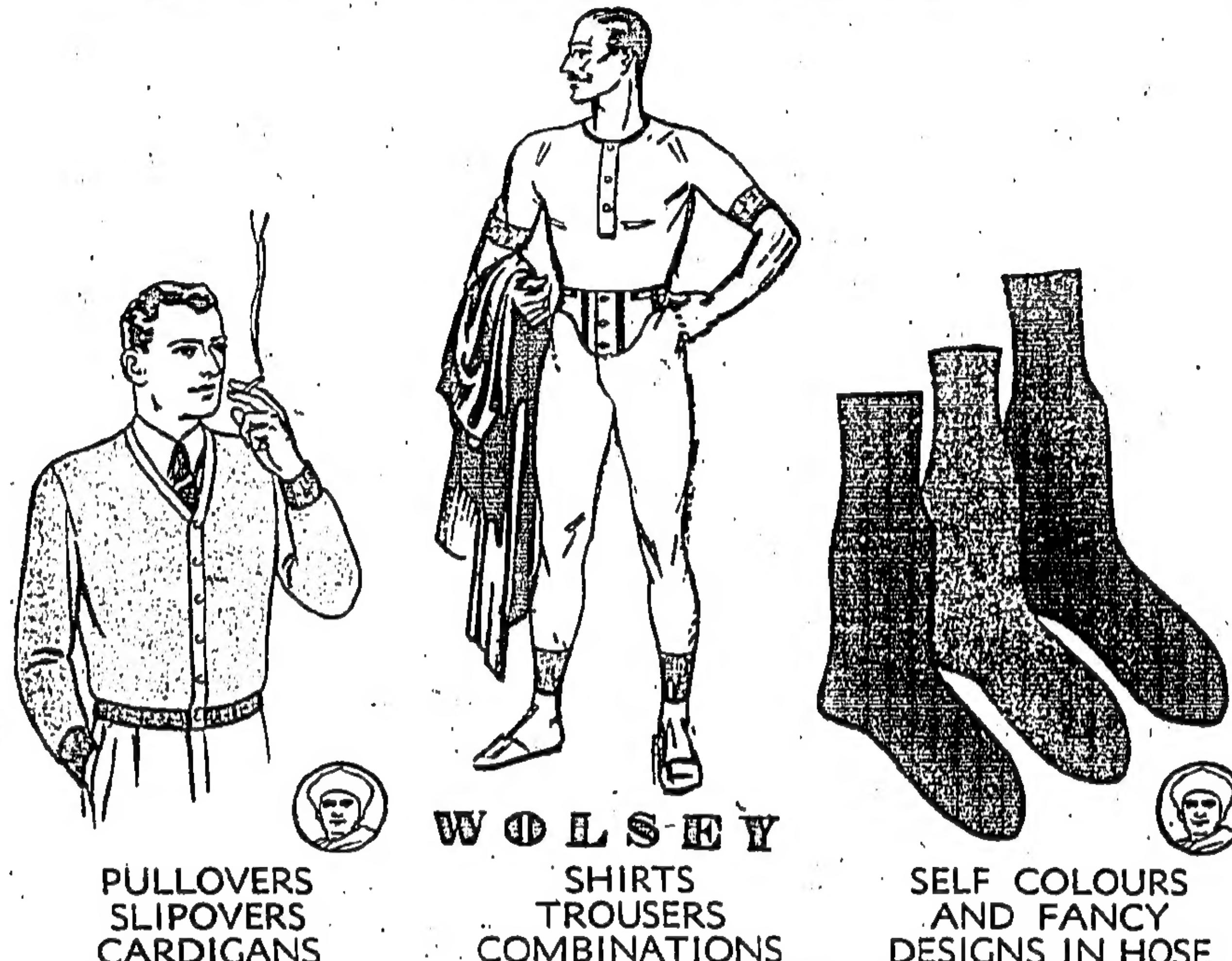
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By IAN MACKAY

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This was the famous Bren gun, which the Czechs invented to save their freedom but were never allowed to use.

It is an incredibly simple thing to watch in action, but, in reality, a more complicated mechanism never emerged from the mind of man. It consists of 172 parts which require 3,174 here, not in the workshops, but in the drawing offices.

Everywhere I went to-day I came across bottles of milk on benches, even in the smithy. I asked the Factory Superintendent about it, and he said they sell about 4,000 bottles a day to the workers.

One result has been a surprising reduction in the number of cases of influenza.

The condition of the men is very good, although some are showing signs of strain, particularly since the black-out which, I was told, has had a bad psychological effect.

One last picture of this great small-arms workers. A river runs through it, and during their rest period the workers amuse themselves by feeding the swans at the foot of a waterfall.

**R.A.F.**  
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By RONALD WALKER

MEN of the R.A.F., battling with rain, mud and cold, have a great grievance. They have been badly let down on the Home Front.

Just how serious the position is I discovered when I went into a N.A.A.F.I. canteen to-day and found that the only English beer obtainable costs six francs, approximately 8d. to 9d. a bottle, holding just over half a pint.

Weeks ago, back in London, I read the brave news that some 4,000,000 bottles of beer had been shipped out to the troops in France. That appears to be quite true, as English bottled beer is now on sale at 30 N.A.A.F.I. canteens.

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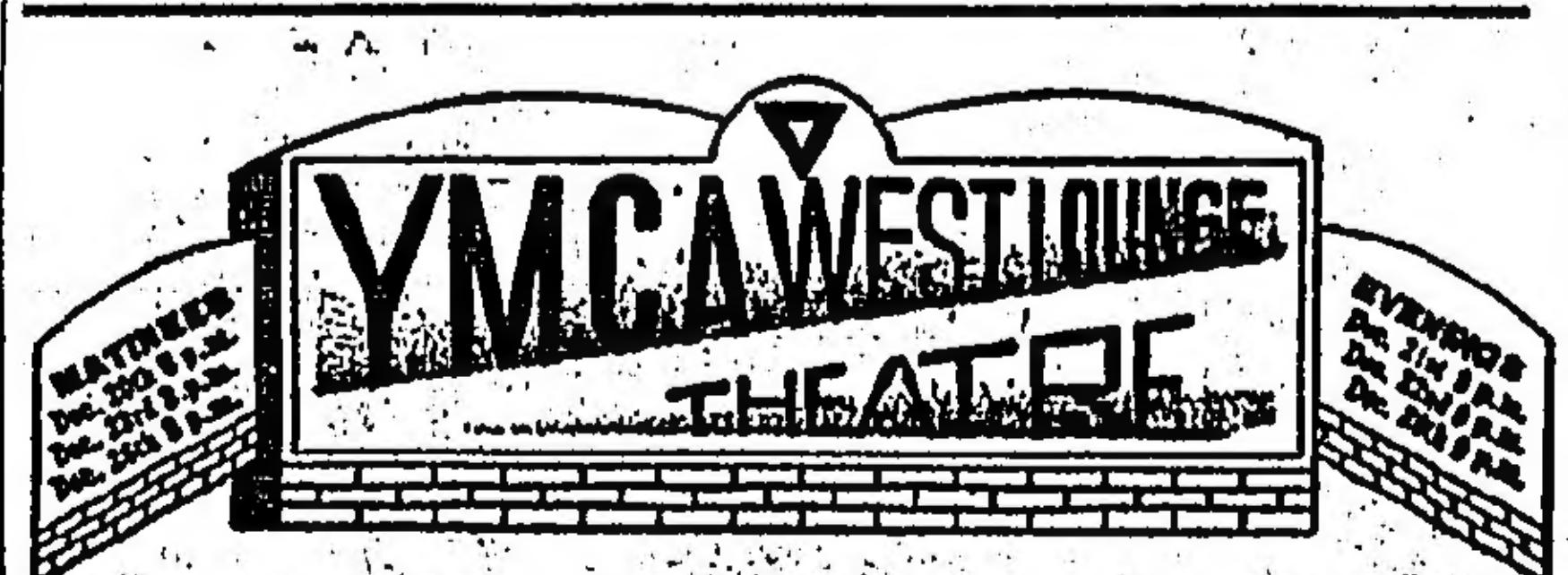
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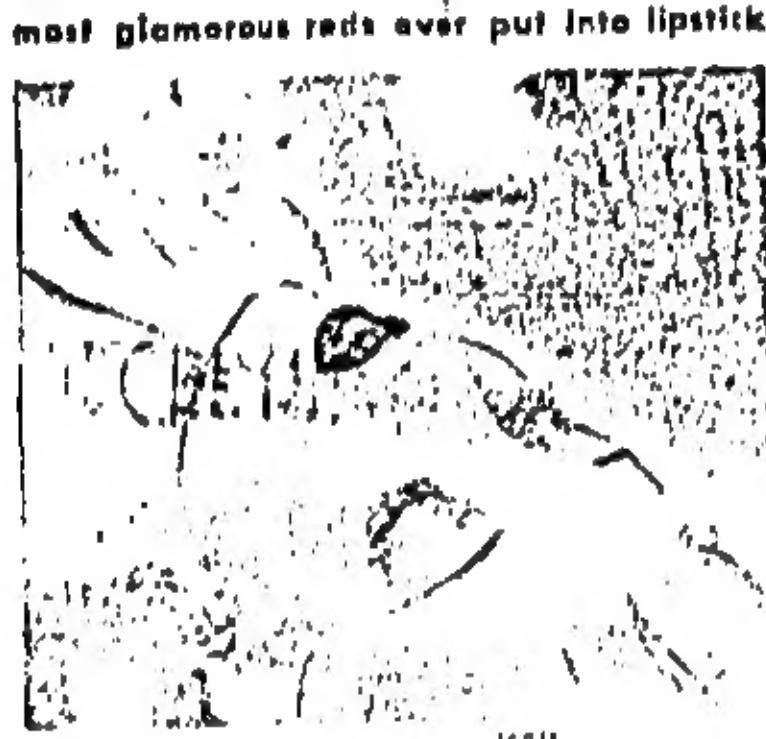
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## ENTERTAINMENT PAGE

### H.K. "PANTO" JUBILEE

#### Ali Baba At The Y.M.C.A.

THE opening to-day of "Ali Baba", this year's Y.M.C.A. Christmas entertainment, marks the golden jubilee in Hongkong of the presentation of this popular "panto" by local amateurs.

By a remarkable coincidence, it was fifty years ago this Christmas that the Hongkong Amateur Dramatic Club made their debut in burlesque when they presented "Ali Baba" at the Theatre Royal, City Hall. The show ran until January 4, 1890.

The "Telegraph" of December 27, 1890, says: "His Excellency Governor Vouex and the élite of the Colony were present to witness the novel and somewhat daring experiment of our local amateur talent in an altogether new field."

"Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves" is an old extravaganza that was played in London with considerable success many years ago; the version played last night has, of course, been modernised and localised to suit the altered character of the times. The plot is based on the ancient story in the "Arabian Nights".

#### "GAGGING" IN 1889

The piece itself is about as threadbare as even the modern extravaganza could be, but as it affords opportunities for any amount of "gagging" and so-called "witicism", and for the introduction of musical selections, comic and otherwise, it serves the end for which it was written.

Before proceeding further we have to compliment Captain Clayton, the stage manager of the A.D.C., on the manner in which the piece was staged, the scenery being exceptionally effective.

"Great credit is certainly due to the conductor, Mr. Hill, the bandmaster of the Argyle and Sutherland Highlanders, and to the orchestra generally for the accuracy and precision with which the musical numbers were dealt with."

And now to-day, fifty years after that first local performance, "Ali Baba" will again be presented to the Hongkong public.

A dress rehearsal for to-day's show was held on Monday night and was attended by a large number of service men.

The pantomime, which will run during the Christmas festivities, is being produced by Major Brown. The make-up for certain members of the cast is being done by Victor Mamak.

#### Plans For Anna Neagle

ANNA NEAGLE is identified so closely nowadays with serious characters, thanks to her prolonged career as Queen Victoria and her present appearance as Nurse Cavell, that her gay and tempestuous film past tends to become obscured.

She is fit from having exhausted the more vivacious parts for which Herbert Wilcox designed her, in view of her Nell Gwyn and Peg Wellington successes, but it isn't any of these for which she is announced next. Instead, Anna Neagle is to star in the screen version of that stage hit of nearly twenty years ago, "Irene"—pronounced, you may remember, in the American way with two syllables. Edith Day played the part in New York and London.

There had been rumours that Herbert Wilcox might direct Anna Neagle in "Marie Lloyd" whilst they were in Hollywood. The screen biography of the most famous of London music-hall comedionnes involves some ticklish considerations and no doubt it is wiser to leave it until they get back to London.



Eleanor Powell and Fred Astaire, America's King and Queen of Dancing, rehearsing for a scene in their first co-starring film, "Broadway Melody of 1940." This M.G.M. film will be screened in Hong Kong sometime next Spring.

#### R.E.O.C.A. DANCE

The Royal Engineers Old Comrades Association are holding a Carnival Dance on Boxing Day at the Peninsula Hotel. The dance will commence at 8.30 p.m.

Musical will be provided by the dance orchestra of the 2nd Battalion, The Royal Scots, by kind permission of Lt. Col. D. J. McDougall, M.C., and Officers.

#### Canada's Ban On German Films

THE ban on trade with the enemy under the War Measures Act in Canada affects the acceptance in the dominion of any motion pictures of German origin, whether through a neutral country or not.

This forbids the importation of any moving picture film, including newsreel, any revenue from which would accrue to the credit of the enemy.

#### "Mamlock" Banned

THE banning of a film without viewing is the astonishing precedent created by Hove Watch Committee. The film is "Professor Mamlock."

The manager of the Lido, Hove, applied for permission to screen this Purson-made film showing the horrors of Nazi concentration camps. Alderman E. J. Thompson, chairman of Hove sub-committee, said: "If this film is shown it will breed hatred towards the German people and Hove does not want to contribute to this. Our decision was based on reliable reports."

The film was being shown in the adjoining town of Brighton at that time.

## Christmas Cinema Fare

HONGKONG entertainment centres are busily preparing for the festive season. Every social rendezvous here reports record bookings for the Christmas and New Year holidays.

Local cinema houses have lined up some of the best movie productions for screening during the holidays.

Mr. Chai, Roosevelt announced yesterday that for the Christmas holidays, the Queen's and Alhambra Theatres will screen "Flying Divas," the new Laurel and Hardy film. This picture will open on Sunday afternoon.

For the New Year celebrations, commencing on Sunday, December 31, the latest Mickey Rooney picture will be shown at these same theatres. This is "Babes in Arms," an M.G.M. film in which Mickey Rooney appears with Judy Garland, Charles Wininger and Guy Kibbee.

The Christmas attraction at the King's Theatre will be "Second Fiddle," a romantic comedy drama starring Sonja Henie and Tyrone Power. Musical numbers in this film are by Irving Berlin.

Another important Twentieth Century-Fox film, "Hollywood Cavalcade" will commence screening at the King's Theatre on Sunday, December 31.

#### Oberon-Brent Co-Star

Latest news from Warner Bros. this week is that Merle Oberon has been signed for the starring role in "We Shall Meet Again." Edmund Goulding will direct, with George Brent, June Bryant and Pat O'Brien in the cast.

Laurence Olivier, who starred with Merle Oberon in "Wuthering Heights," will be starred in the leading role of "Disraeli" with Geraldine Fitzgerald in the cast.



No, it's not... It's Albert Burdon, who heads the cast of the recently completed "Jill Birds" a brilliant film. The resemblance was noticed quite by accident, but a special sequence taking advantage of it will be found in the film.

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# Hitler Hopes For 'Peace' Without A Big Offensive

MADAME TABOIS, WORLD-FAMOUS DIPLOMATIC WRITER, REVEALS TO-DAY THAT HITLER, STILL IN A STATE OF INDECISION, HAS AGAIN CHANGED HIS MIND ABOUT FUTURE PLANS.

He has for the first time given his advisors to understand that he fears to launch an offensive in the West. He is now inclined to listen to those who urge him to remain on the defensive—for years, if necessary. But this new plan, like others, will fail.

WHILE German threats to Britain are still unexecuted the Reich, in the last few weeks, has suffered a succession of setbacks of all kinds—the Anglo-French-Turkish Pact, Papal Encyclical, raising of the U.S. arms embargo, speeches by Molotov and Voroshilov affirming once more that the Soviet Union will not give the Reich military or material support, also that the Kremlin officially numbers Germany among the capitalist States it wishes to oppose.

The effect of the Führer of this series of defeats can be gauged by reports I have received from neutral countries," said Madame Tabois. "The war plans for the West we have heard so much about have undergone considerable changes. It seems that the Führer, while adopting towards Holland a similar attitude to that adopted by the Soviet to the Baltic States, now wishes to prepare his men for a new plan. This is of much interest to us, especially after the Führer's Munich speech, in which he admitted Germany was preparing for a five-years war—this being a public avowal of the failure of that "Blitzkrieg" by means of which he promised his people victory over the democracies in less than six months.

#### IF AN OFFENSIVE FAILED

A few days ago, at a Council of War attended by the Führer, some Reichswehr chiefs and most of the Nazi Grand Council, General Reichenau spoke on "the capacity of Germany's resources in case of failure of an offensive in the West." In the course of which the Führer several times expressed approval by voice and gesture.

Reichenau remarked that the discussion was taking place in the presence of the Führer himself and dignitaries of the regime and army, and was therefore absolutely official and authorised. Otherwise a discussion of this nature would necessarily be considered a manifestation of "high treason."

He declared, in the case of failure of a Western offensive, the situation would not be so desperate as certain Reich pessimists liked to say. Such failure, moreover, would be possible only if the Reich decided to launch a general attack in the West, which was not the case at present.

He pointed out that before this would take place industrial and agricultural reorganisation of the Reich would be completed, and the entire industrial system transferred from the left bank of the Rhine and exposed regions of the right bank to the well-protected hinterland—especially the north-east and south-east regions of the Reich.

Consequently if, starting next spring, the Reich evacuated the left bank—temporarily, of course—they could be absolutely certain the country's war economy would suffer no harm.

#### PEACE—ON CONDITIONS

He went on to show how such evacuation could be carried out without weakening the country's capacity for resistance.

The German armies could withdraw to the other side of the Rhine and remain there on the defensive for years. Reichenau explained at length, that such a defensive would lack all danger. This plan had been suggested by a group of German officers to Ludendorff in 1919, but the Kaiser had not dared to adopt it because the economic position thereby would have been greatly weakened.

Reichenau continued that if the German armies ever did carry out such a withdrawal it should not affect the position of the Nazi regime. With forces established in this defensive position the Nazi Government would accept peace only on condition the Third Reich maintained the frontiers in existing in Autumn 1939, and also its Nazi regime.

The Führer agreed also when Reichenau stated that if such a withdrawal was carried out the chances of obtaining from the democracies a real "German peace" demanded by the Führer would continually increase.

#### BOGEY OF BOLSHEVISM

For Reichenau harbours the illusion that the Allies, fearing spread of Bolshevism and Russian military intervention with this aim, would be obliged to come to terms with the Führer, and agree to the maintenance of a strong German Army as a bulwark against Communism.

Reports of this discussion deeply impressed Nazi circles, for it is the first time the Führer has given his advisers to understand that he will probably not dare to launch a general attack on the Western front, but that he considers he can, while remaining on the defensive, obtain that German peace for which he has for so many years asked the Third Reich to make such great sacrifices.

One may presume, therefore, that if the Führer treats Holland as Stalin has treated Estonia, he will launch an air war against England while trying to effect "a moral conquest" of neutral countries.

He has just set up an organisation, with a fund of £5,000,000 for distributing publicity to neutral countries.

Under the direction of Dr. Gemsen, German publicity associations have been formed in various neutral capitals, and newspapers are offered large sums of money on condition that they modify their policy in favour of Germany.

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## Industrial School

### Hon. Mr. R. A. C. North Pays Visit To Aberdeen

The remarkable progress and achievements of the Aberdeen Industrial School during the past twelve months drew forth high praise from Hon. Mr. R. A. C. North, Secretary for Chinese Affairs, who is the chairman of the board of managers of the school, when he and Mrs. North paid a visit on Monday and inspected the various departments.

Mr. F. Flippance of the Botanical and Forestry Department was also present and the visitors were met at the school by Father Bernardini, the Principal, Father Salmo and Brother Grimaux.

Mr. and Mrs. North and the other visitors toured the various departments and workshops, and Mrs. North showed particular interest in the shop, where the boys are busy making toys for Hongkong retailers. The toys were rated as high in quality and craftsmanship as any which before the war had been imported from Japan and Europe.

An important function was the inauguration of the foundry, where the first piece of iron was smelted and the visitors were able to see the finished work before they left.

The theatre was also visited where the 200 boys were assembled. They gave the visitors a rousing reception and afterwards entertained with a gymnastic performance which was highly appreciated.

The school band under the direction of Brother Fantini also gave a performance.

Two species of Chinese and English were delivered by two of the pupils, and before he left, Mr. North expressed his thanks for the interesting time spent, and his appreciation of the wonderful progress made by the school during the past twelve months.

### MR. LINDSAY LAFFORD Former Hongkong Organist Now at Princeton

Mr. Lindsay A. Lafford, former organist of St. John's Cathedral, has taken up his new post as Choir Director and Organist at Princeton University, U.S.A. He made quite an impression on his first Sunday in Chapel.

Commenting on the event the Princeton Alumni Weekly says: "Lindsay Lafford, formerly of Hereford Cathedral, England, who has been appointed to take the place of Professor Robert Hultstader as choir director and organist, started out his first Sunday in chapel with a bang. Accustomed to the gentle and mellifluous improvisations of its former organist, the choir was startled on end when Mr. Lafford sounded forth some extra loud notes in the old English cathedral manner. For a few seconds there was no singing and even the drowsy underclassmen in the first few pews were aroused for a short time."

Mr. Lafford arrived in Hongkong in April, 1935 and left early in March, this year. He was very popular in Hongkong musical circles.

## RESIDENTS BACK FROM TRIP TO SOUTH SEAS

After an enjoyable eight weeks round trip to the South Seas, a number of Hongkong residents returned by a British steamer yesterday. The steamer made its first round trip to the Solomon Islands via intermediate ports, having taken over the run of a German steamer.

They were Mr. and Mrs. Ian Grant of Butterfield and Swire, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. J. White of Jardine Matheson and Co., Ltd., and their son, Mr. G. Duncan, of Loxley and Company, and Mr. B. R. Rasmussen, of Shaw, Savill and Company, and Mr. H. M. Howell, of Malcolm and Company.

Mr. Spensley, Rabaul agent of the China Navigation Company, and his wife and two children arrived by the same steamer to stay in the Colony with Mr. and Mrs. A. R. J. White.

The attitude of the British Government regarding future purchases of German goods by neutral countries has not yet been announced. No reply has yet been given to the Japanese representations recently presented by the Ambassador, Mr. Shigenobu, to Lord Halifax, Foreign Secretary.

It is understood that Britain is adhering in principle to the policy of the anti-German blockade in order to fulfil war aims. With regard to the actual treatment of commodities at stake, however, it is believed that negotiations will be continued hereafter with a view to securing the best considerations from the British authorities.—Dowell.

New York, Dec. 19. According to the *Mutual Herald*, British destroyers are waiting off Florida to intercept the crack German liner Columbus, 32,000 tons, which sailed on Thursday from Vera Cruz for an unknown destination.—Reuters.

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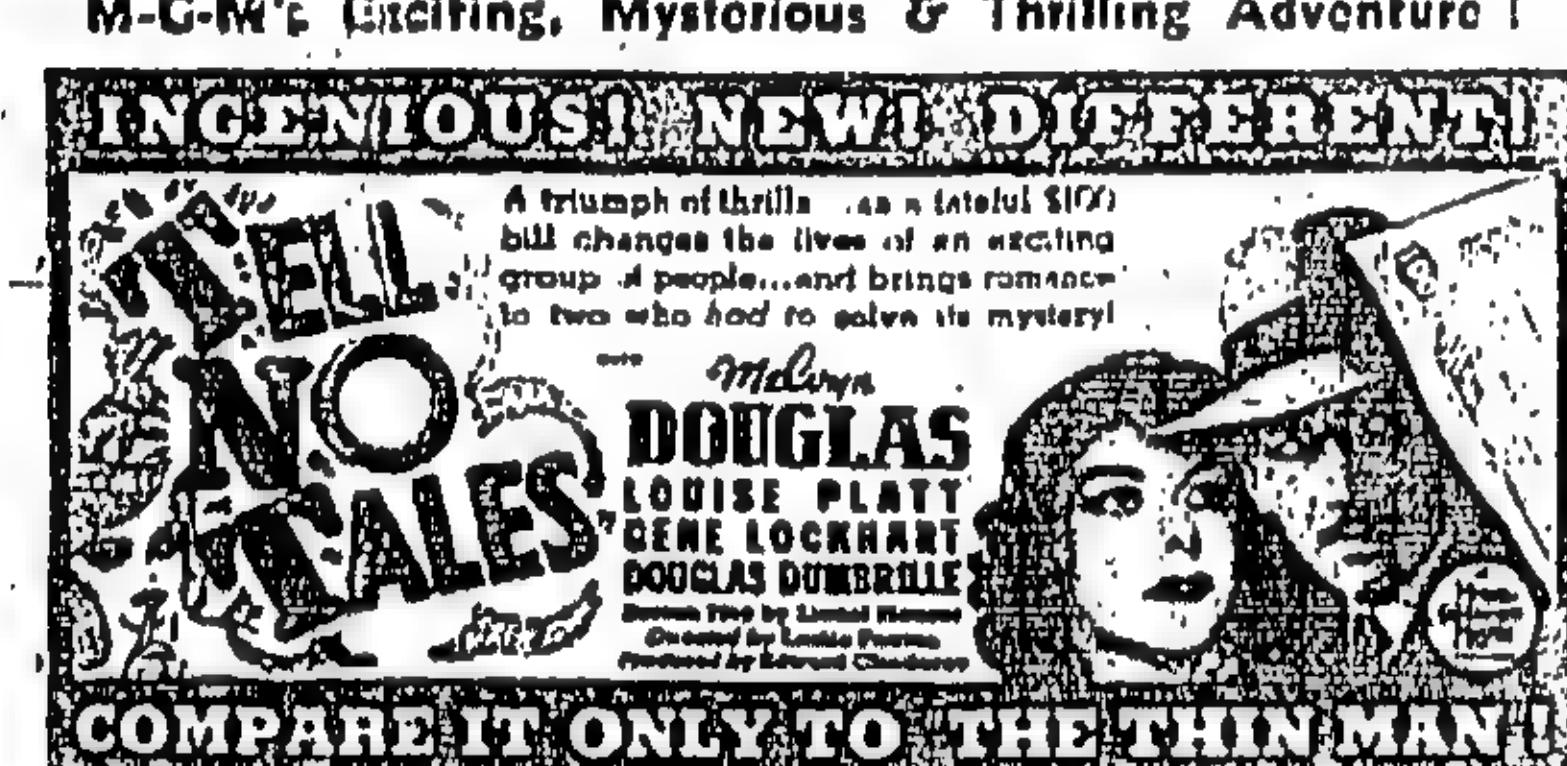
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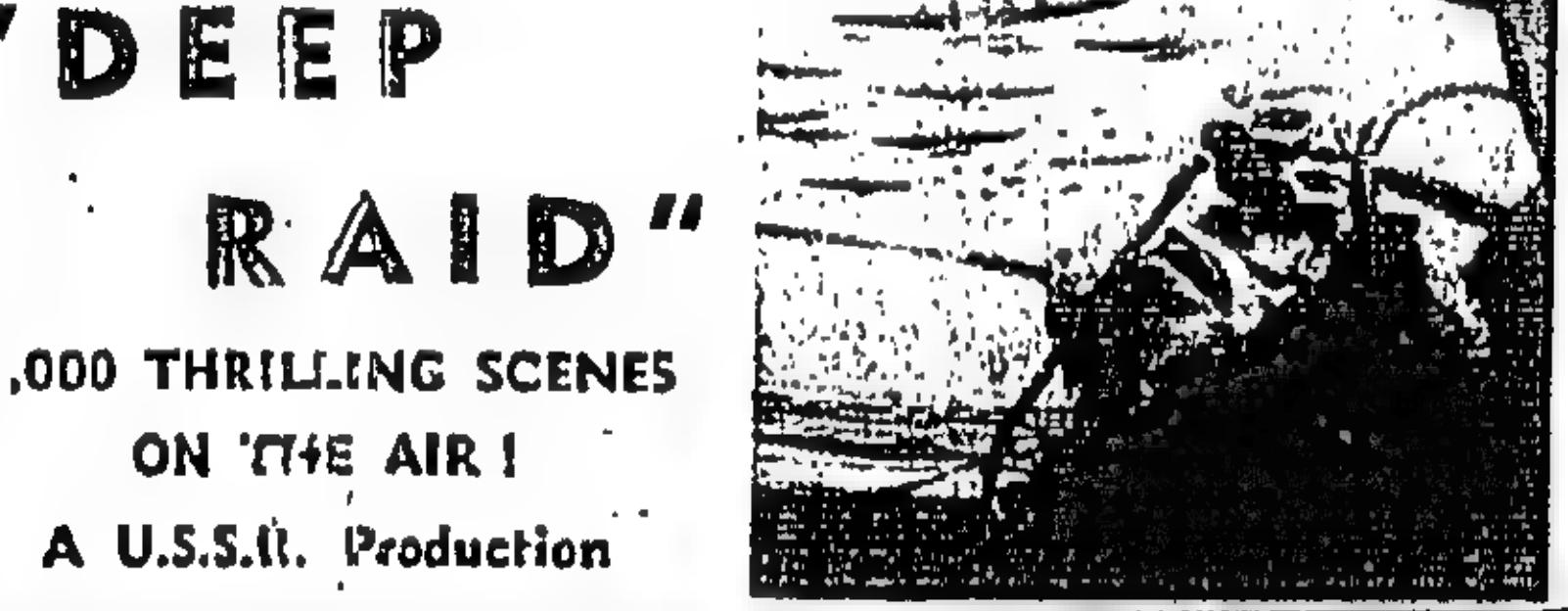
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## LORD GORT TALKS OF HIS TASK

War Zone Lectures By Corps Commanders

PARIS, Nov. 20. There is now no aspect of the work being performed by the British Army in the field with which the Ministers of the British Dominions who are visiting France are not fully familiar.

To-night they have completed two strenuous days of visits, talks and travel which enabled them to see for themselves a great part of the British front, to learn from the corps, divisional and brigade commanders the plans on which they are basing their preparations, and to form their own opinion on the work which has already been done by the B.E.F. since it took over its sector on the Allied front.

The political representatives of the Dominions were also accompanied by one senior military adviser. All are agreed that the work performed in a few short weeks is prodigious.

They are impressed by the spirit which animates the British Army, from the Commander-in-Chief, Gen. Viscount Gort, and the corps commanders down to the guardsmen and private soldiers whom they have seen engaged on digging, revetting, and generally developing the defensive system of pillboxes, forts and strong points taken over from the French.

Their later afternoon was spent in a visit to the headquarters of the British Army co-operation aircraft, where the commanding officer, with the aid of maps explained the precise functions of the air units under his control.

Before dinner there was a first meeting with the chief French Army liaison officer with G.H.Q. The French forces link up with the British at two points, and the Dominion representatives, straight from their inspiring talks with Gen. Gamelin and M. Daladier, were obviously well satisfied that this liaison is fully established.

On the morning of their departure from Paris the visitors had been woken from their beds before 5 a.m. by an air raid warning, and on arrival at G.H.Q. they were saluted by a second.

Last night the entire party dined with Lord Gort and several of his chief officers and remained talking until late at night.

By A. J. McWhinney

*Daily Herald* Naval Correspondent

FROM the rain-swept bridge of a mine-sweeper out at sea I have just watched speeding destroyers and anti-submarine patrols "on the hunt" after the U-boat.

Overhead, a flying-boat roared.

An enemy submarine had been detected overnight in certain waters towards which we were ordered.

Through the early morning mists our long line of minesweepers went to drag the seas for any minefield. The U-boat might have laid in the darkness.

"If anything goes wrong," a ship's officer warned me, "just grab a belt and go over the side as fast as you can."

To the peril from exploding mines there was added the possibility of torpedo attack at any moment.

But the very able seamen I talked to on the lower decks are proud of the risks they are taking.

### Emergency Call

They told me how until this summer they were men of the trawler fishing fleet.

Till then they fished for food in peaceful waters. Now, every day, men of the R.N.R. they scour the seas for danger.

Soon the ship's radio burped out a rapid series of calls.

Out of the mist, to starboard, destroyers streaked east at three times our speed.

The flying boat zoomed overhead. An emergency call had gone out. The destroyers were after a U-boat.

But the men of the mine-sweeping flotilla went steadily on with the job of searching for mines. Theirs is no job of spectacular speed.

### In Line Abreast

The sweepers in line abreast were linked together by wire bavers, dragged through sea channels at varying depths to catch the moving rope of any possible mine.

The towline strain tears the mine from its anchorage and sends it floating to the surface to be destroyed by gunfire.

From the flotilla flagship came a finished instruction. We were to follow a certain course for solo sweeping.

The sweeps to be used looked like grey painted torpedoes.

Once overboard, with flag markers in their backs, they ride the zone like giant harpooned fish.

### Adventurous All

Below the surface wire ropes connect them to heavy "kites" like an outside in farm harrows.

Mine sweeping is dangerous. But it spells adventure. There is no lack of volunteers.

The one thing the Germans want to know is where our mine-sweeping boats are working—and how they're doing. That's why I can no more reveal where we have been sweeping than I can give details of our "catch."

## POPULAR COUPLE MARRIED

AN interesting wedding was held at the Registry yesterday when Mr. William George Maycock married Miss Eva Helena Lalng before Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith, Registrar.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. K. Lalng, and sister of the well-known Dr. Douglas Lalng.

She wore a smart outfit of white shantung.

Her silver veil was held in place by a corsage of orange blossoms.

Candytuft composed her bouquet.

The bridesmaids were the Misses Constance Sully, Miss Abbas and Miss Sadi.

Miss Sadi wore orange taffeta trimmed with brown, and her brown veil was caught to her head by orange flowers.

The other bridesmaids wore lavender taffeta with purple and blue ribbon bows.

Lavender flowers held their blue veils in place.

Each carried a posy of mixed flowers.

The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Maycock, and was educated at the Central British School.

He is now a partner of Messrs. A. Dransfield & Co., Manufacturers' Representatives and Importers and Exporters.

Mr. R. K. Lalng gave his daughter away in marriage, and Mr. J. H. Maycock, Jr., attended his brother as best man.

After the ceremony a reception, followed by a dance, was held at the Gloucester Hotel.

When Mrs. Maycock left for her honeymoon, which is being spent at Repulse Bay, she wore an orange coloured dress with brown felt hat and accessories, and fur cape to match.

ther supplies from home in this or that direction? Mr. Eden, with some confidence, gave assurances that such things were on their way.

Throughout the day the party was accompanied by the Duke of Gloucester, who is now fully familiar with every inch of the British front and back areas.

Lord Gort, however, left to the respective Corps Commanders the duties of the day and did not join the party until dinner-time.

After the long tour of the front the Dominions visitors were taken to a further meeting with the French in a neighbouring town of considerable importance, where tea and refreshments were taken with their French hosts.

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## Berlin Believes Aerial War On In Earnest

# NEW MASS AIR RAIDS ON GERMAN NAVAL BASES

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Dec. 20 (UP).—QUICKLY FOLLOWING YESTERDAY'S ENCOUNTER, WHICH THE GERMAN AIR COMMAND DESCRIBES AS "THE GREATEST AIR BATTLE IN THE HISTORY OF AVIATION," BRITISH WARPLANES HAVE LAUNCHED NEW MASS ATTACKS ON THE NAZI NAVAL BASES.

Reports from Toender, one of the Jutlands, state that Royal Air Force planes thrice bombed the island of Sylt to-day.

Heavy bombs were rained on the naval bases at Rantum and Hoernum.

Each raid lasted fifteen minutes.

The British bombers, which were not escorted by pursuit planes, appeared from the west, unloaded their bombs, and disappeared in a southerly direction.

Messerschmidt pursuit planes took off to give battle and the dog-fights continued as the planes disappeared from sight.

Apparently, all the British planes escaped unscathed.

Berlin still continues to make fantastic claims regarding yesterday's great battle, in which over a hundred planes participated.

The D.N.B. (Official German News Agency) claims that Britain's losses were "over 36 planes."

Lieut. Schumacher, commander of the German squadron involved in the fight, estimates that "his men" shot down 40 R.A.F. bombers.

### AIR WAR IN EARNEST

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 19 (Reuter).—The recent increase in air activities has prompted Berlin to believe that an air war is beginning in earnest.

Attempts will now be made by the German air force to show their capabilities in carrying out large-scale attacks, says the Berlin correspondent of the "Dagbladet."

Air force officials claim that German reconnaissance planes have obtained

comprehensive aerial photographs both of Britain and France.

#### Attack On Nazi Base

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Dec. 19 (UP).—It is ports from Copenhagen that another big air battle occurred to-day over the German naval base on the north-west German coast.

Apparently the Royal Air Force were again attempting to launch an attack on the island of Sylt.

However, neither Britain nor Germany has announced any important action although a Heinkel bomber was reported over the North Shetland Islands.

An R.A.F. pursuit plane took to the air in search of the raider, apparently without success.

No air raid alarm was sounded.

Planes Over Shetlands

LONDON, Dec. 19 (Reuter).—German planes were reported off the Shetland Islands this afternoon.

R.A.F. fighters went up to give battle.

Nazis Admit Attack

LONDON, Dec. 19 (Reuter).—A German communiqué in Berlin claims that the R.A.F. made a raid on the northwest coast of Germany on Monday, trying to reach the Frisian Islands between 5.40 p.m. and 4.00 p.m.

In connection with the earlier raid in which the Air Ministry announced that 12 Messerschmidts were shot down and seven R.A.F. bombers had not been accounted for, a full account cannot be made until the reports of the British pilots participating in the raid have been collated.

They also met heavy anti-aircraft fire from ships and shore.

Some Germans hung on to the British bombers when the latter were returning.

One British machine became detached from the others and seemed to be an easy prey.

Messerschmidts attacked it in force.

The pilot dived and skinned the sea surface with the enemy on its tail.

Two Messerschmidts venturing too close were immediately shot down by the rear gunner, but the ammunition was spent.

A moment later the front gunner was wounded, whereupon the reserve pilot scrambled from the rear turret to the front gun, where he found plenty of ammunition and made full use of it.

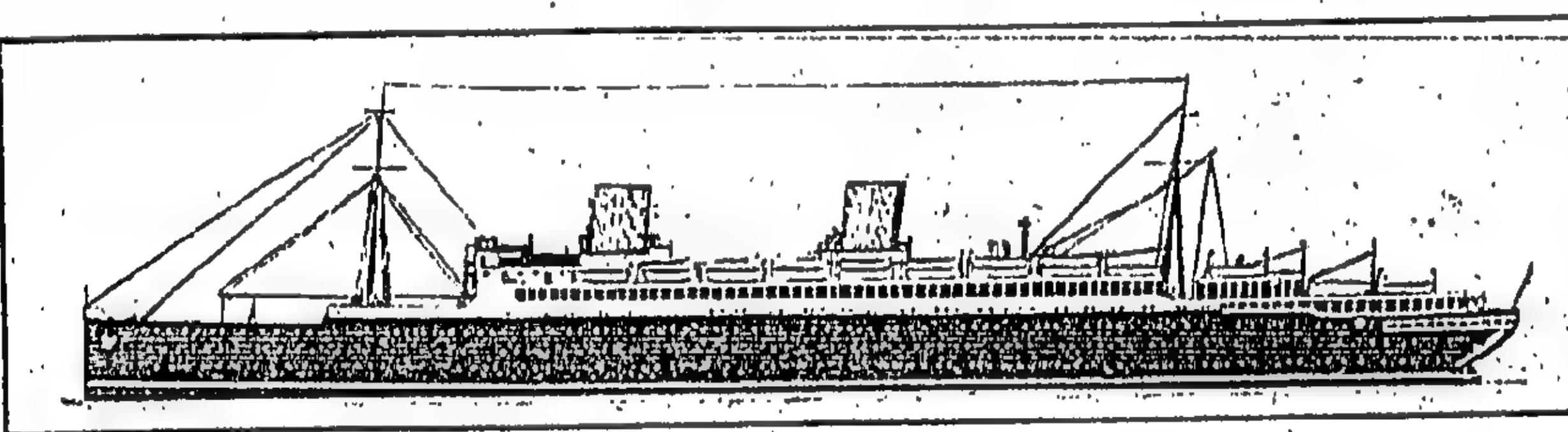
The British aircraft finally shook off its pursuers and reached home.

Claimed Five Nazis

From diving to escaping, it had accounted for five Germans.

Another British aircraft, returning

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### LUXEMBOURG CUSTOMS HOUSE HIT BY SHELL

LUXEMBOURG, Dec. 19 (Reuter).—The Customs House town of Remich on the south-east frontier was hit by a shell early to-day.

It did not explode but passed through a building, penetrated the roofs of two houses and fell in the market place.

An official enquiry is being held.

### 250 Milliards For War

#### Enormous Expenditure By France In 1940

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

PARIS, Dec. 19 (Reuter).—France expects to spend at least 260 billion francs on the Military War Bill next year, it was revealed by the Finance Minister, M. Reynaud, in a report to the Chamber Finance Commission to-day.

The chief war credits for the first quarter of 1940 are:

War Ministry, 22 billion francs;

Armaments, 13 billion francs;

Navy, 5½ billion francs;

Air, 12½ billion francs.

Large sums are contem-

### Third Biggest Nazi Liner Intercepted

At Sea, Destroyed By Her Crew

### COLUMBUS AFIRE IN MID-ATLANTIC

NEW YORK, Dec. 19 (Reuter).—The 32,600-ton N.D.L. liner Columbus, third largest ship in the German mercantile marine—she is exceeded in size only by the 51,700-ton Bremen and the 49,000-ton Europa—has

shared the fate of the Admiral Graf Spee.

The Columbus, intercepted by a British destroyer, was set afire in mid-Atlantic this morning by her crew.

She is still afloat, a mass of blazing flames.

American warships are at hand, ready to sink her by gunfire if she becomes a danger to navigation.

400 Of Crew Rescued

Four hundred of the crew have been rescued by the U.S.S. Tuscaloosa, which, in a radio report to the U.S. Texas, says she is proceeding to New York with the survivors.

An unidentified British destroyer is standing by the blazing liner.

At 11 o'clock E.S.T. the Columbus was still burning fiercely her huge cargo of petroleum sending the flames and a cloud of black smoke hundreds of yards into the sky.

There are no indications, say the radio report, from the U.S.S. Tuscaloosa, of any un-neutral act on the part of the British warship.

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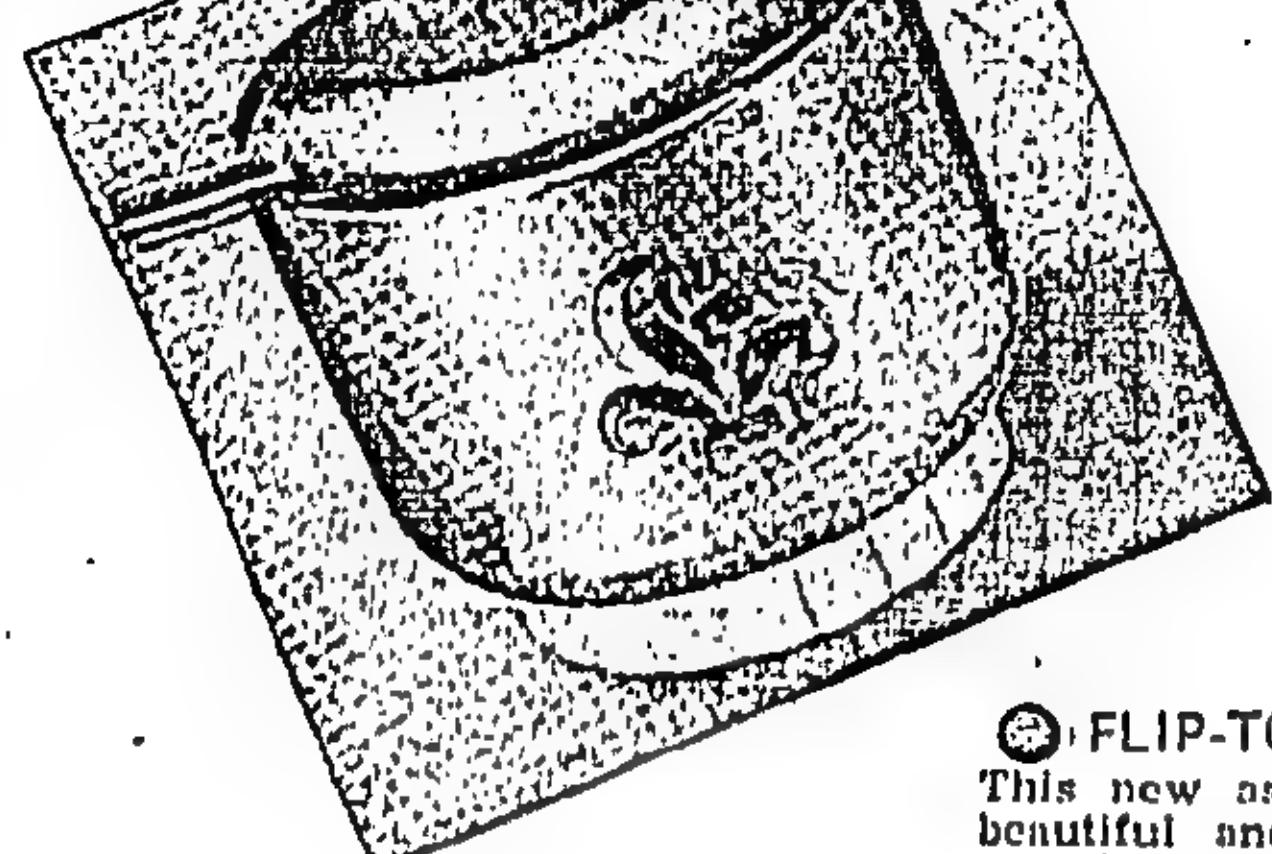
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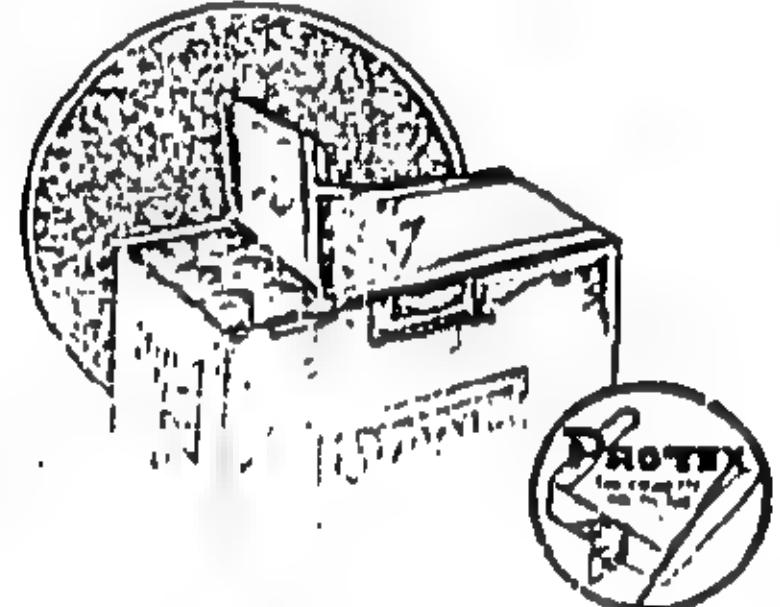
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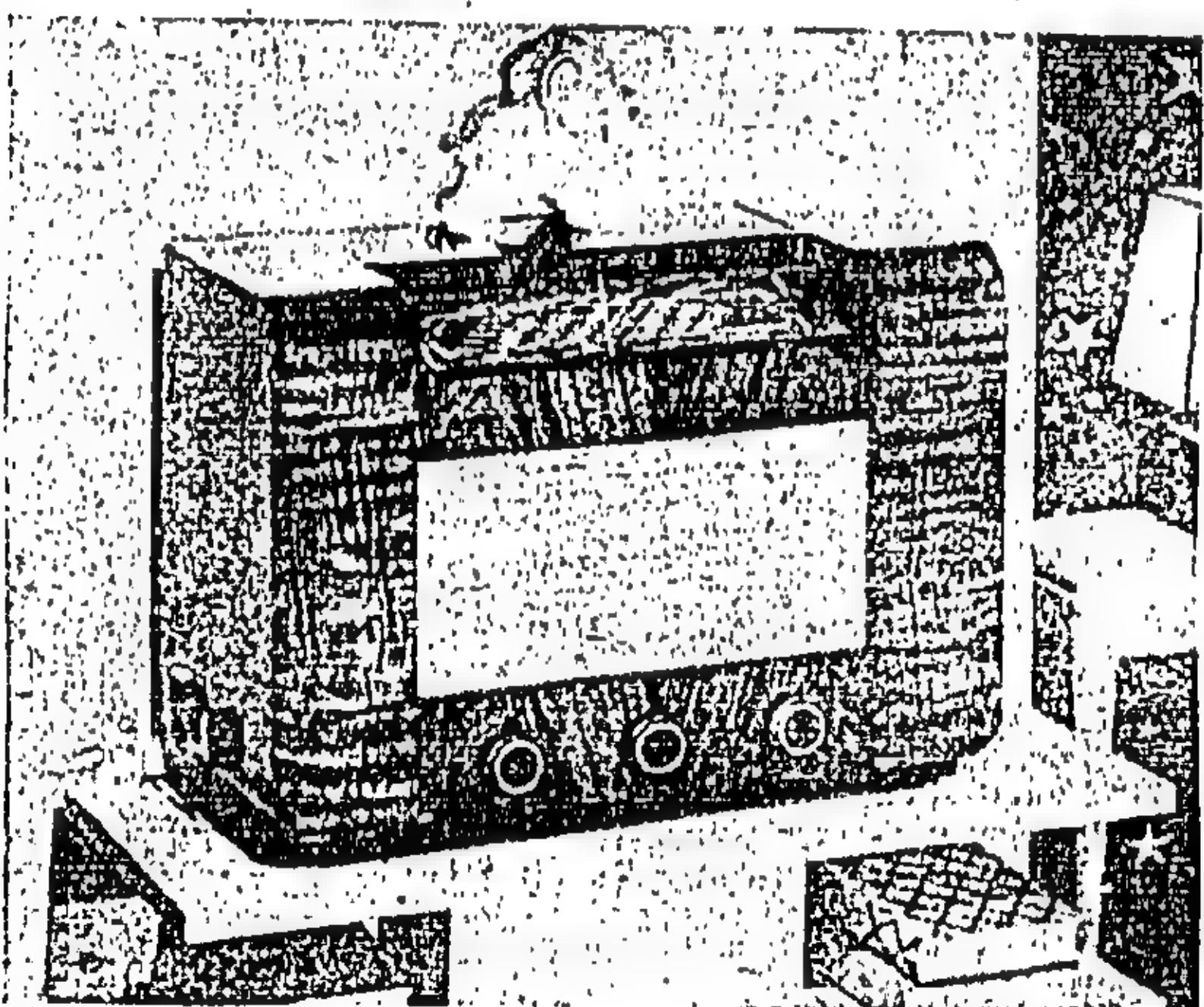


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## Black-out Murder

### REVENGE FOLLOWS THREAT TO SQUEAL

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He threatened to give detailed information to the police about the new gambling rings which have sprung up in the back streets of the East End since the outbreak of war.

From the night he voiced his plan to a few associates he was a marked man.

Supt. Percy Worth, one of Yard's Big Five, ended eight days of inquiries recently.

He has discovered that Lawrence was in one of the biggest gambling casinos two nights before he was killed.

But he is still in the dark about the movements of the gangster during the vital hours just before he was found dead in a blacked-out courtyard in Spitalfields.

At every turn the police have met with sullen silence from witnesses who are afraid to speak.

A month ago there were 120 "social clubs" and former billiards saloons which permitted gambling in London's dockland.

There are 200 now.

The racecourse and dog-track gangsters who terrorised bookmakers in the early '20's with demands for "protection" money are back in business.

Lawrence worked with a gang of men who saw great possibilities in blackmailing the organisers of the racket. They hoped to offer "protection" to the more flourishing gambling clubs—and report to the police the owners who did not pay up.

#### Dangerous

Somebody who is promoting the plying of faro, two-pack rummy, and chemin de fer in the gambling dens decided that Lawrence was dangerous. So he died.

The post mortem examination showed that he had been drinking beer. But the police have been unable to discover anyone who was in his company shortly before his death.

#### WOMAN WITH "ONLY YEAR TO LIVE"

#### Grimsby Fisherman Charged With Murdering Her

When Thomas Albert Cossey (42), a fisherman, of Burgess Street, Grimsby, was accused at Grimsby recently, of the murder of Maud Stewart, it was alleged that he was disturbed at the woman's association with another man.

Mr. J. Robey, prosecuting, said that Stewart, who was separated from her husband, had lived with Cossey for some time. During his absence, prior to September 12, she became friendly with a fisherman, James Storr, and stayed with him at her son's house.

On September 12, Storr and the woman's son found both doors locked at Cossey's house. There was a smell of gas and a dressing table had been pushed against the bedroom door.

Mr. Robey said that Cossey was resting against the wall near the gas bracket, which had been torn away. The woman was in bed with a ligature tied tightly round her neck.

#### "Give Me Some More Gas"

Cossey, who had wounds in both wrists, was alleged to have said to the police, "Why did you come so soon? Give me some more gas. She is dead. I wish I was too."

Mr. Robey added that a letter written by Cossey to the mother of the woman would show that he was very fond of Stewart, and was distressed by her association with the other man.

Dr. J. M. Webster, pathologist, said that the woman was suffering from cancer of the liver and would have probably died from that cause in twelve months. The cause of death was shock due to strangulation by the ligature.

A constable said that while they were persuading Cossey to leave, he said, "Let me kiss her again first," and he did so.

Later, Cossey, it was alleged, said, "Give me a knife and let me put it across my throat and let me go with her."

A letter to Mrs. Bratley, mother of the dead woman, written by Cossey,

was read. It said—"She tells me she has found somebody over there that she loves better than me. I hope she is happy with him as I love her dearly. She is the best woman in the world to me. I am broken-hearted."

Cossey was committed for trial at Lincoln Assizes.

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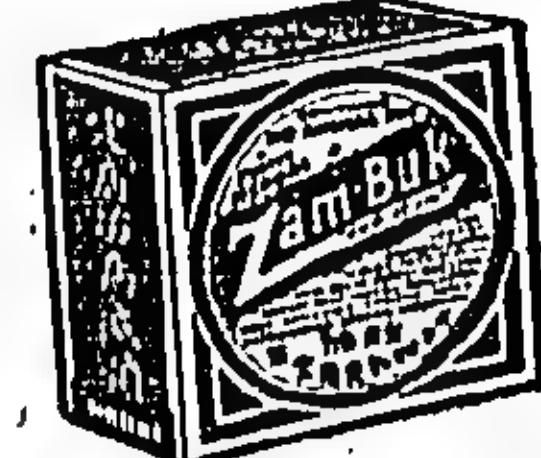
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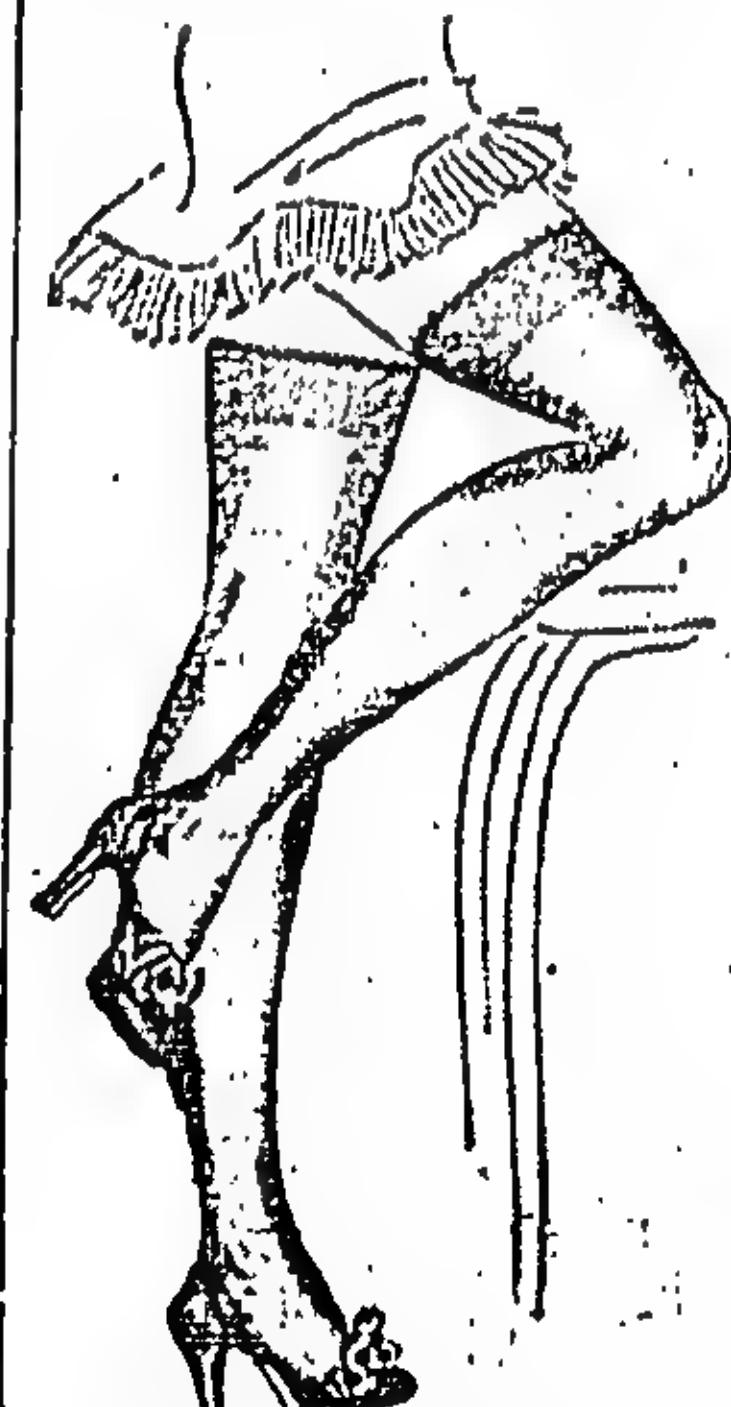
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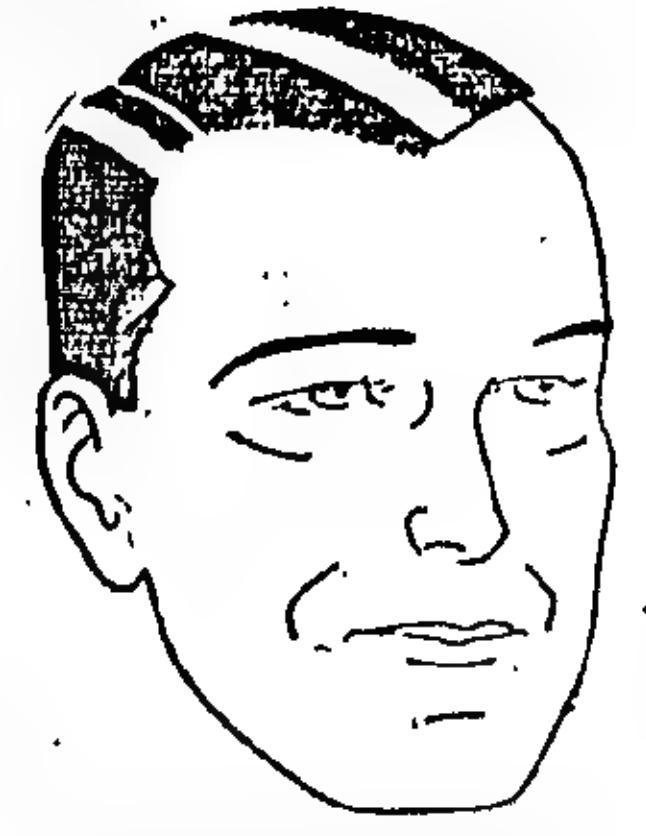
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## Women Shoppers and Girls Make Up Parties To Join the A.T.S.

### Liner Captain's Heroism

A 15-YEAR-OLD boy burglar told recently of the heroism of Captain V. C. P. Smalley, master of the liner *Yorkshire*, on his ship went down following U-boat attack.

The burglar, John Alexander Taylor, was reunited with his widowed mother at his Liverpool home.

"I was on the bridge with the captain, two quartermasters, the cooksteward and my mate," said Taylor.

"The captain told us to get in the boats, and then he turned to us and said, 'Get a boat and I will join you as soon as possible.'

"I don't think he had any intention of joining us," said Taylor.

Survivors of the *Yorkshire* were picked up by the United States vessel Independence Hall.

But Captain Smalley has been reported "missing."

"One of the most tragic things I remember," added Butler Taylor, "was the sight of a mother and two daughters clinging to one another on the deck as the boat went down. They seemed too stunned and shocked to move."

### AIR PERIL AT SEA SLIGHT

By A Naval Correspondent

SUGGESTIONS that seaborne trade will soon be endangered by attacks from long-distance aircraft should not be taken too seriously.

Apart from the question of fuel endurance, it is difficult for aircraft to find a convoy in the broad Atlantic, especially if there is any low cloud or mist.

For many days convoys have been coming in regularly and without any sort of trouble, except that a merchantman was damaged by a mine. She was brought safely into port, and her cargo has since been discharged without harm.

The appearance of a surface raider on the South American trade route was a fairly regular feature of strategical exercises set at the Royal Naval Staff College before the war.

In no instance was a long life guaranteed to such a raider.

### DANCER WHO "JUST COULD NOT STAY STILL"

ALTHOUGH the War Office announcement of the scheme to double the Auxiliary Territorial Service was only made 24 hours before, hundreds of applications for enrolment were received at the Central London Recruiting Depot by first post the next day.

Before the staff could begin sorting them the rush of personal applications began.

Girls taking a few minutes off from their work, married women with their shopping baskets, parties from the suburbs came trooping along to Great Scotland Yard. Each was given a form to be filled in at home.

Those selected will later be asked to attend for a personal interview and medical examination.

#### Sergeant's "Don't Worry" Ladies

The recruiting sergeant was careful to impress on them that enrolment will mean submission to military instead of civil law.

"But don't worry, ladies," he added, with a grin. "Things that might get you five years under civil law mean only a five bob fine in the Army."

ONE of the first to arrive was Miss Gertrude Sheffield, who saw four years' service as a V.A.D. in the last war.

"I see ex-Servicemen women can join up to the age of 50, so I am hoping they will take me on again," she said.

#### With Dance Girls In Germany

Next to Miss Sheffield was a girl, who, at the time of the Munich crisis, was with a dancing troupe in Germany.

She is Miss Maude McNaughton, of Brockley.

"It's exactly a year ago to-day since I got back from that trip," she said. "Since then I've been working in a cigarette kiosk, but I just can't sit still any longer and watch all the men and women going past in uniform."

Another young woman explained that she wished to join up because her husband is a regular soldier and if he is going to France she wants to go too.

Recruiting began at 9.30 a.m. In the first half-hour there were 20

applicants. But by 10.30 the women were arriving at the rate of one a minute and extra benches and tables were brought in to accommodate them while they listened to the sergeant's "law talk."

As they were leaving the women saw a group of girls enrolled some time ago waiting with their luggage to go to the training depot. They watched them move off with not a little envy.

### OBITUARY

#### Well-known Hongkong Resident Dies

Mr. Walter Hung died at the Canossa Hospital at 7.30 p.m. yesterday from pneumonia.

Only 30 years of age, Mr. Hung, who was Manager of the Chinese section of the Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamship Company, and Manager of the Sun Wo Steamship Company, leaves a widow, who is a daughter of Sir Robert Kotewall, and two small children, John, aged one year, and Wendy, aged three. Mr. Hung also leaves a mother, two sisters, one of whom married Robert Ho Tung, Jr., and two brothers.

Educated at Hongkong University and taking a B.A. degree in 1933, Mr. Hung rapidly established himself in the business world and at the same time maintained a keen interest in sport, particularly cricket and tennis.

The funeral will leave the Canossa Hospital at 4 p.m. to-day, direct for the Chinese Christian Cemetery, Pooleatum.

#### Mrs. Kipling Dies

Burwash, Sussex, Dec. 19. The death has occurred of Mrs. Rudyard Kipling in her 74th year.

Mrs. Kipling had been in indifferent health since the death of her husband, the famous author, in 1936. —United Press.

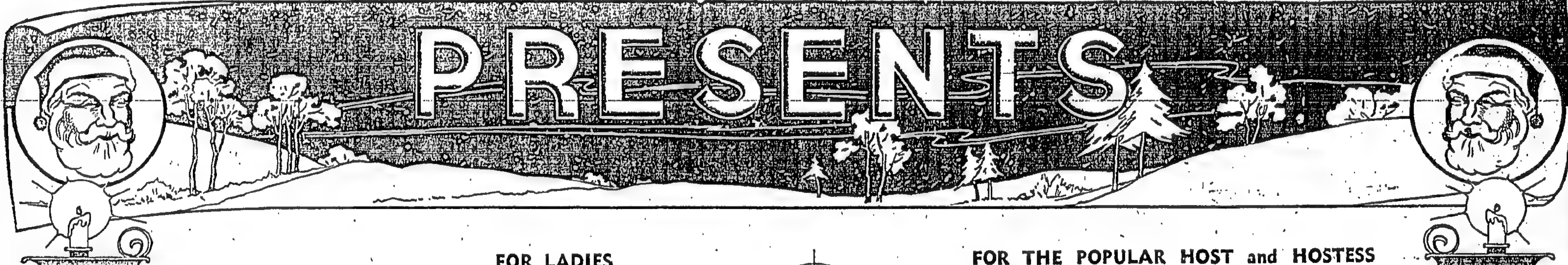


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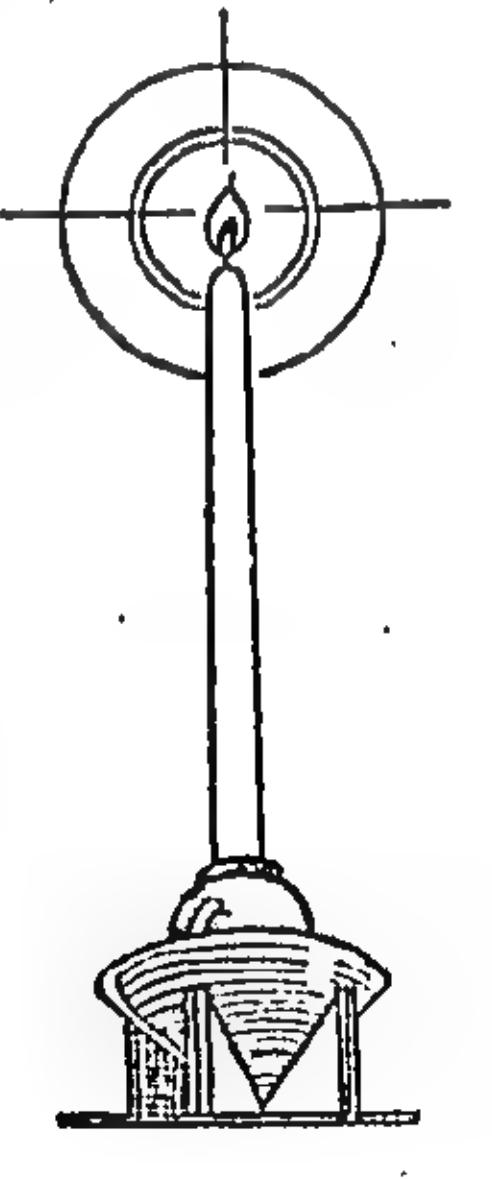
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**Improvement Over October Returns**

LONDON, Dec. 19 (British Wireless).—Board of Trade returns of overseas trade for November show that imports were valued at £83,008,000 as compared with £81,841,404 last month and £77,073,618 in November, 1938.

The value of November exports was £27,300,327 against £24,622,840 in October and £20,023,223 in November, 1938.

Re-exports totalled £2,745,077 against £1,998,146 last month and £5,113,012 in November, 1938.

In the first eleven months of the year, the total value of imports was £800,905,632, representing a decrease of £40,080,401 on the corresponding period of 1938.

Eleven months of exports totalled £398,600,810, a decrease of £33,313,768.

**COLUMBUS AFIRE IN ATLANTIC.**

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mile Neutral Zone set by the Declaration of Panama.

But at no time did the British warship use her guns or attempt to find the big Nazi liner.

**Relentless Pursuit**

It appears that the destroyer intercepted the Columbus in the Gulf of Mexico, but made no attempt to halt her, merely following in her trail with the evident intention of halting the ship as soon as it left the 300-mile neutral zone.

The British destroyer dogged the Columbus to her doom. When the commander saw that it was hopeless to attempt to shake off his pursuer he set fire to his ship.

The Columbus sailed from Vera Cruz on Thursday will a full cargo of petroleum oil. Her clearance papers indicated that she was en route to Oslo.

With five decks and capable of carrying 1,800 passengers, the Columbus was a smaller edition of the Bremen, upon which she was patterned. She was a sister ship of the old Columbus, which was seized in the Great War and became the White Star Line's Homeric.

**Nazi Ambassador Sees Nomura**

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TOKYO, Dec. 19 (Domei).—Major-General Eugen Ott, the German Ambassador, called on the Foreign Minister, Admiral Kichisaburo Nomura, at 2.50 p.m. on Tuesday.

During the course of a one-hour interview, Ambassador Ott was understood to have exchanged information with the Foreign Minister regarding the latest developments in Europe.

**Tenders Credentials.**

BERLIN, Dec. 19 (Domei).—Mr. S. Kurusu, the newly-appointed Japanese Ambassador to Berlin, presented his credentials to Hitler to-day. He is replacing Lieut.-General Oshima, who has been recalled home.

**NAZI MISSION IN MOSCOW**

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MOSCOW, Dec. 19 (Domei).—A German economic mission headed by Dr. Ritter arrived here from Berlin this afternoon.

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**WARNING TO THE WORLD**

Shanghai, Dec. 19.

The world war spy, Trebitsch-Lincoln, alias Abbot Chao Kung, in a statement making a final appeal for peace, demands that the British, French, German and Russian Governments should immediately resign simultaneously, after which new Governments should call for a worldwide peace conference.

Falling this, the Tibetan Buddhist Supreme Masters, without prejudice, shall unchain forces and powers whose very existence is unknown to you, and against whose operations you are consequently helpless.

"The world leaders are mere human beings subject to all human limitations, with the sole exception of the Buddhist Supreme Masters, who by their unlimited and unbounded knowledge of nature's secret and the ability to use the will of certain Powers, have broken through those limitations," he continues.

"The United States could have prevented the European war, but followed the path of open partiality, prejudice and downright injustice, cloaked in phrases pretending to be all that is virtuous."

The statement adds that the British, French, German and Russian Governments are all guilty of provoking war. Regardless of the background of the Sino-Japanese war, Japan is willing to discuss peace but China continues her insane scorched earth policy.—United Press.

**Communism Growing In Austria**

BUDAPEST.

SOME authentic facts about the situation in Austria have just been made available here.

A growth of aggressive Communism among Vienna workers, partly because of the pact with Stalin and partly because of low wages and the poor quality of food, worries the Nazis.

Strikes have just occurred in several factories, including a locomotive works, where hundreds of workers held up their hands in reply to the question: "Who is dissatisfied?" put by the Gestapo (Secret Police) after they had occupied the building.

B.B.C. broadcasts are widely listened to despite the ban. The broadcasts are criticized because of too much talk of Austria's present plight and too little of Austria's future should the democracies win.

THRILLING DETAILS

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Special to the "Telegraph"

LONDON, Dec. 19 (Reuter).—M. Campion, the French Minister to the Navy, announced that two U-boats were recently sunk by the Allied navies, one by the French cruiser Sirocco.

This is the third U-boat sunk by the Sirocco.

Seven Die On Trawler

Special to the "Telegraph"

LONDON, Dec. 19 (UP).—There were seven casualties on the trawler Zealous which was sunk to-day.

The rest of the crew were rescued.

The trawler Ocean was also slightly damaged while a third trawler, the Astras, escaped bombing and strafing from a Nazi plane.

Another aircraft, whose rudder was damaged, made a safe forced landing a few miles from home.

**Poles To Fight Again**

**VAST NEW ARMY PREPARED**

**Thousands Rush To Join Colours**

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Dec. 19 (Reuter).—Major Hinszki, of the Polish Military Mission, spoke in London to-day on Poland's war efforts to organize her fighting forces.

Polish ships, consisting of destroyers and submarines constituted part of the Allied forces and operated under the Polish flag under Polish officers.

All further steps will be taken, and expenses borne, by the Society.

The Informant's name will be kept strictly private, except in cases where malice is proved.

**Air Supremacy For Britain Assured**

**Gigantic Dominion's Training Scheme**

LONDON, Dec. 19 (British Wires).—In a broadcast on the Dominions' Air Training Scheme to-day, the Air Secretary said the Scheme would put British ascendancy over the enemy in the air beyond challenge.

Sir Kingsley Wood expressed the view that considering the size of the Scheme, which would give an annual outflow of pilots and air-crews greater than the full outstanding strength of the R.A.F. as it was not so long ago, the Empire has done a fine job in fixing up such an inspiring and constructive plan in such a short time.

"It will, indeed, be a great demonstration of Empire unity when men from the Royal Canadian Air Force, the Australian Air Force, the Royal New Zealand Air Force, and our own Royal Air Force train together in safe Canadian flying training schools."

Soon To Sail Again

He hoped that the day was not far distant when the Polish Navy would again sail the Baltic.

For the land forces now training somewhere in France it was intended to form infantry divisions as well as armoured and mechanized units under the Polish High Command.

Major Hinszki mentioned the recruitment of manpower, and said that the Polish forces would be composed of officers and men of the Polish Army who succeeded in reaching Allied territory of Poland reserves who were in Britain, France and elsewhere abroad, and by calling to the colours Poles in Britain and France.

Last but not least were the Polish volunteers from all parts of the world.

Millions Available

Major Hinszki mentioned that there were four million Poles in the United States, half a million in South America, 150,000 in Canada and 100,000 in France.

There are to be 67 training schools in Canada, including service flying schools, ten observer schools, ten bombing and gunnery schools, four wireless schools and two for navigation.

The staffs alone would number 40,000.

Some 60 new aerodromes are being constructed and 20 existing aerodromes enlarged.

The scheme would call for many thousands of aircraft, the bulk of which will be supplied by the United Kingdom, but each Dominion would supply locally-made aircraft to an increasing extent from its own manufacturing resources.

While negotiations have been in progress, the participating governments have gone ahead with the preliminary steps of the great plan.

**Comparative Efficiency**

In connection with Sir Kingsley Wood's estimate that the Empire Training Scheme would put our air superiority beyond challenge, informed air circles here give interesting facts comparing the relative efficiency between the Allied and German air forces to-day when they point out that not one single British fighter has been shot down in combat since the outbreak of war, while the R.A.F. Command aircraft have brought down nearly half the German bomber reconnaissance aircraft engaged by them during the first active months of the war.

During 51 raids over British land or sea in October and November, 21 German raiders were destroyed. Of these, the majority were seen to strike the ground or water. It is known that many more failed to return to Germany.

The Poles were lucky in getting away a fairly large number of air force personnel and already several squadrons are being organised.

**GOERING ORDERS HIGH SEAS MURDER**

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one is missing and the remainder of the crew have been rescued.

**Ship Machine-Gunned**

LONDON, Dec. 19 (Reuter).—German planes are again attacking defenceless British fishing craft, and to-day sank one, and injured three of the crew of a second British trawler.

A member of the crew of the first vessel said that bombs were first dropped on them and then the German aircraft machine-gunned the ship.

Three men in the forecastle were killed by a bomb and another was injured.

An aerial torpedo was then fired and exploded under the trawler just as the crew were trying to launch their small boat.

**U-Boat Victims Back In England**

GENOA, Dec. 19 (Reuter).—The captain of the Italian cargo steamer Caterina Gerolimini, reported on arrival here that he had landed in Dover 11 British sailors taken from a submarine in the English Channel.

The sailors, four of whom were wounded, were from a British steamer, Darling, which was torpedoed by a U-boat. The submarine later put them aboard the Caterina Gerolimini.

**Norwegians Rescued**

LONDON, Dec. 19 (Reuter).—Thirteen survivors of the Norwegian steamer Giltrefjord, 1,668 tons, were landed at a Scottish port.

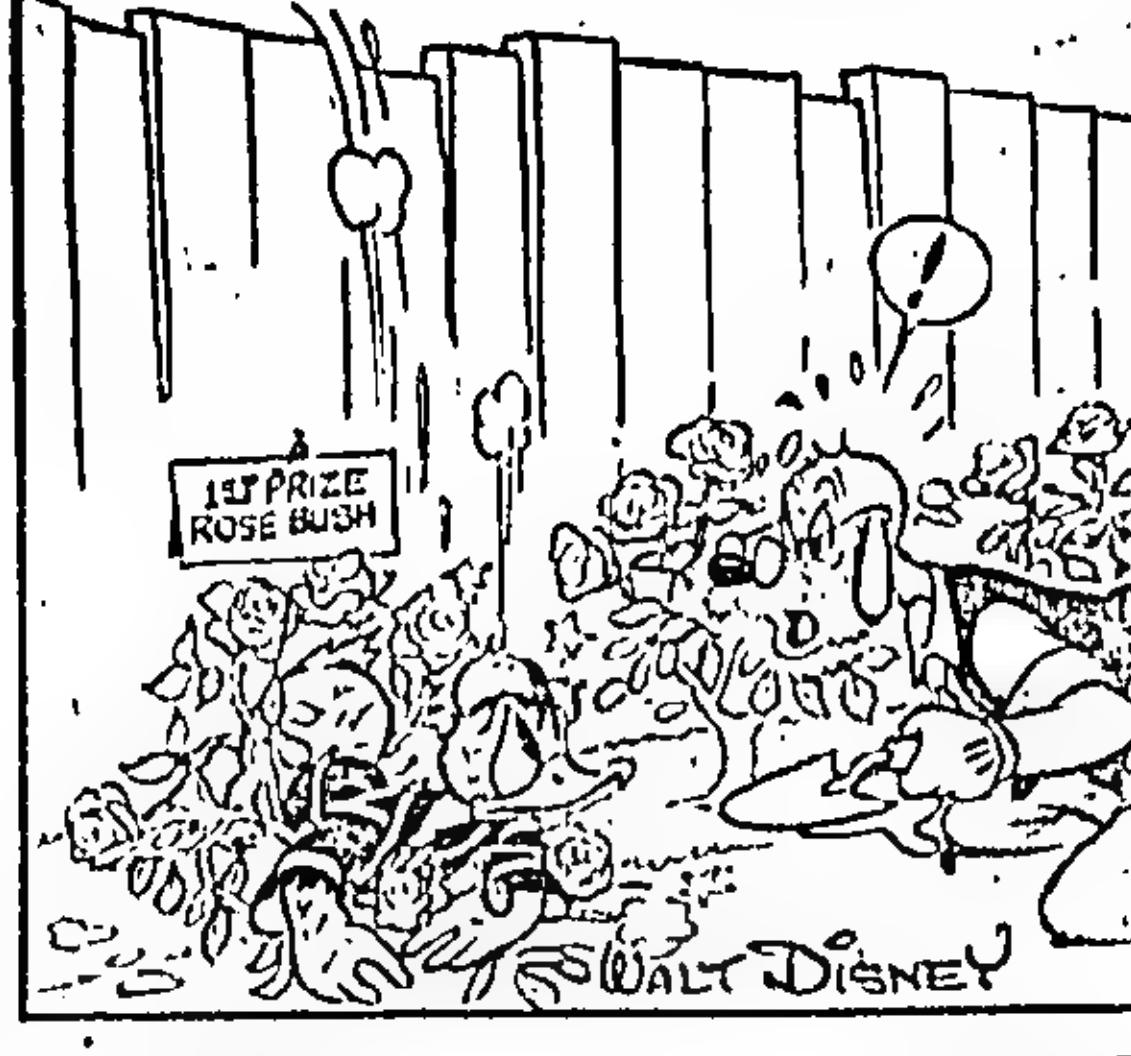
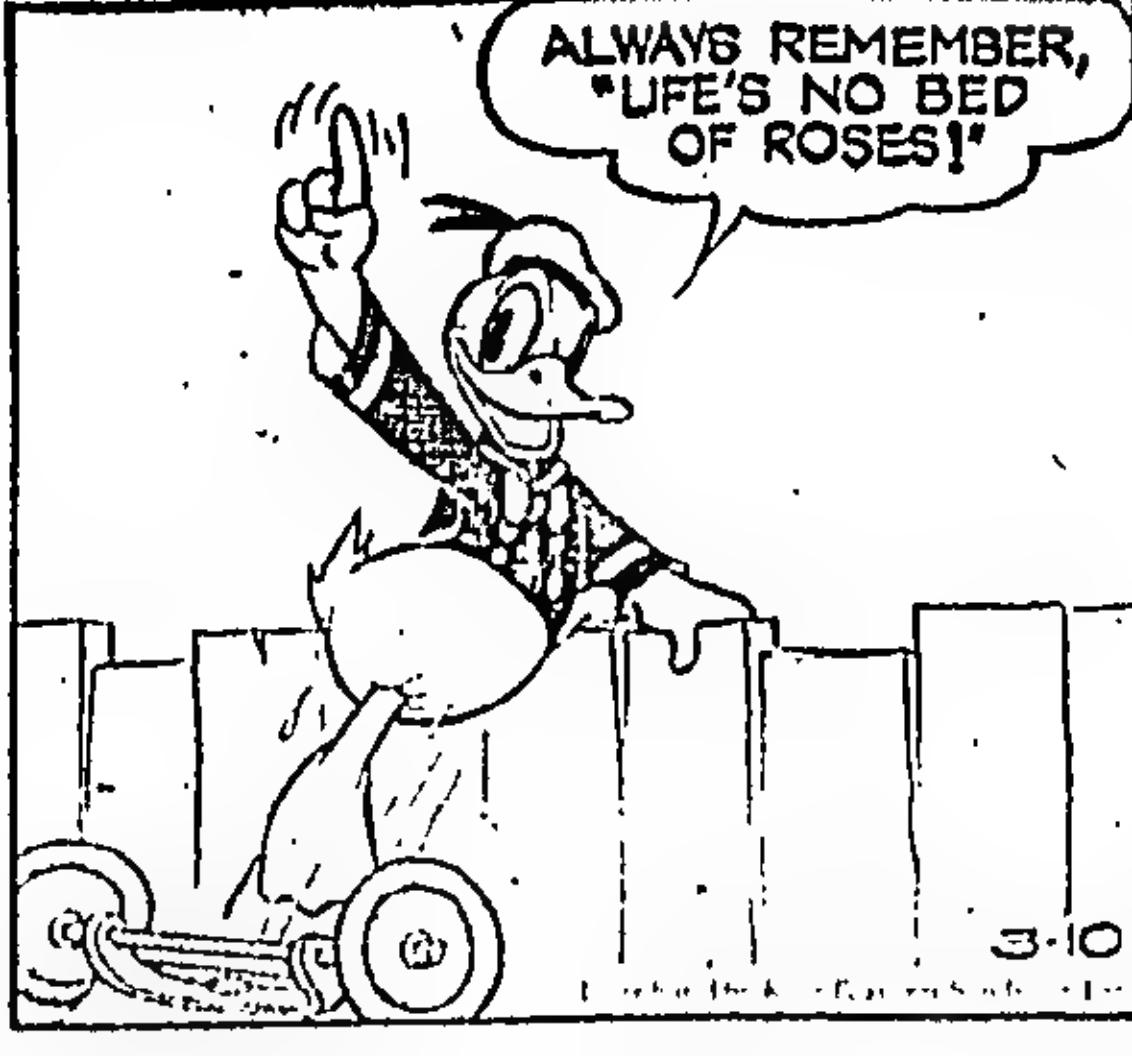
The captain and four seamen lost their lives.

It is believed that the vessel was torpedoed.

**U-Boat Sunk**

PARIS, Dec. 19 (Reuter).—A meeting of the Supreme War Council was held

## DONALD DUCK



## Australia May Export War Material

AUSTRALIA is industrially prepared to meet war conditions, and both Government and private factories are being called into action to assist the Allies. "In 1914 Australia had to depend on Great Britain for munitions," said Mr. James Hendry, president of the N.S.W. Chamber of Manufactures. "To-day it is most likely that Australia will not only help to feed the Allied armies, but will export munitions."

## Mobilised Industry

"Now that the call has come, the manufacturers of Australia will respond with all the resources at their disposal. Australia's safety may well depend on the ability of Australian industry to supply all the many and varied requirements of modern mechanised warfare."

Australia now makes almost everything necessary for modern warfare from aeroplanes to motor-cars, states the British United Press. For nearly three years the Government has been mobilising private industry, as well as such units as Government railway workshops to supplement Government munition factories.

## Mayfair Witness To Wed Army Officer

Mrs. Pauline Daubeny, who gave evidence at the Old Bailey in April, when four Mayfair men were charged with stealing £2,600 from her flat, was married for the second time at Aldershot, recently.

Her husband is Second-Lieutenant Colin Dennis Louis Sword, twenty-three-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Dennis Louis Sword, of Glottenham, Robertsbridge, Sussex.

Mrs. Daubeny obtained a divorce from her first husband, one of the Army's tallest officers, this year. She was granted the custody of their year-old baby.

Mrs. Daubeny is—a daughter—of Princess Nicholas Galitzine. She was presented at Court in 1930.

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## NERVE CENTRE OF ARMY IN FRANCE

## CORPS OF SIGNALS DEALS WITH 500 CALLS AN HOUR

By DOUGLAS WILLIAMS.

"Daily Telegraph" War Correspondent WITH THE B.E.F. IN FRANCE

THE switchboard was housed in a cellar. Three soldiers, the Corps of Signals badge on their tunics, worked feverishly without a moment's pause, their voices murmuring an incessant chant as they pushed in or pulled out plugs completing calls.

The multi-panelled board at which they sat was a maze of cords and switches, but they handled it all with the nimble fingers of busy hotel operators. There was no excitement but quick, efficient co-operation.

Through a half-open door leading into another and larger cellar came the clack of teletype machines as the trained fingers of the operators typed out messages in flowing columns of paper.

I stood in the nerve centre of the B.E.F.—in the headquarters of Signals.

Through this centre pass day and night all the myriad communications of an army in the field, from Whitehall to Viscount Gort, from the Commander-in-Chief, in turn to his Corps and Divisional Commanders, from the Quartermaster-General to his supply bases, and lines of communication from the British Army to the French Army.

A ceaseless flood of telegrams is handled by the Corps Signals with the same frictionless ease as though they were passing through the post office at home.

Nearly 500 calls an hour the switchboard receives, incoming and outgoing; more than 700 telegrams a day pass over the electrical teletype machines.

And this in a quiet period of preparation and organisation. It needs little imagination to think to what an extent this traffic would suddenly be swollen in the event of military activity, some sudden move by Hitler or the emergence of actual fighting operations.

## NICE TO LOOK AT

"The main part of eating is looking at a nicely and daintily prepared dish," the Hamburger Familienblatt tells its rationed readers in an article on "War-time Gastronomy."

"The nicer the food looks, the tastier and more wholesome it is, even if the portions are small."

## THE "INNER FRONT"

EIGHTY per cent. of meals offered at German restaurants now consists of Stammessen, a kind of hot-pot containing scraps of meat and vegetables.

The people eat the food shortage the night on the "Inner Front."

## POLISH PRIMATE

CARDINAL August Hlond, the Primate of Poland, will probably remain in Rome for some time, as the German authorities have refused to give him permission to return to Poland, according to a Rome report quoted on the French radio.

Cardinal Hlond, who is 50, is Archbishop of Agnieszko and Poznan.

At suitable locations the latest type of sending and receiving apparatus has been installed, complete with generators, poles and antennae and all of the other equipment required for a high-powered station.

Three or four thousand messages a day stream in and out of despatch rider headquarters, and all are checked, examined, for correct addresses, and delivered within an incredibly short space of time.

As a precaution against damage, or perhaps even the complete interruption of lines, even though they may be buried by bomb attacks, a complete substitute wireless service is already available, all built by Army Signals and the Royal Engineers.

## Man Who Finds Homes For B.E.F.

From PHILIP JORDAN News Chronicle Correspondent with the British Expeditionary Force Nov. 24.

FRANCE. FATHER CHRISTMAS has made what may seem a premature appearance in France.

In the red-tabled person of the Director of Hirings he has turned up at a newly-opened leave port and has rented enough houses and buildings to make an adequate rest camp for men going home on leave.

It will be ready and comfortable before the first batch arrive in the middle of next month to embark on their leave boat.

For obvious military reasons it is not possible to say where this port is, but it can be said that the men will not be wasting a great deal of time on the journey home.

Billets—Better Than Ever. In spite of his unromantic title the Director of Hirings is the man to whom the Army owes thanks for billets more comfortable than any army on active service has ever enjoyed before.

He, his handful of officers and 100 men, are responsible for housing the entire expeditionary force, from the Commander-in-Chief down to the smallest bugler; and almost without exception the whole lot sleep with roofs over their heads.

Ordinary billets cost the Director of Hirings three francs a day for officers, one franc for N.C.O. and 70 centimes for men. It is not a lot when translated into terms of sterling, but the price is fixed by the French authorities, and they consider it adequate.

All Exports. This department of Army life is one more example of the care which has been taken to put round pegs into round holes. Its nucleus was selected by the Chartered Surveyors' Institute. This means that every man in a key position was an expert in civil life at the job which he now does out here.

The two chief lawyers on the staff were found after France had been tooth-combed. Both are experts in French law, and both have the additional advantage of having studied in England. They are now sent to the British Army by the French authorities.

When he is not busy signing thousands of leases the Director of Hirings acts as the president of the Claims Commission. That job keeps him busy, too.

## RIGHT TO SUE

Any French civilian who thinks he has a claim against the Army or against any member of it, goes to him, and if the two of them cannot agree, a mixed tribunal gives its opinion on the matter. If the claimant is still unsatisfied, he has the right to sue the British Army in a civil court.

Motor accidents account for the majority of such claims, with damage to beet crops and fields a close second.

## ... SO I ASKED IF THEY HAD EVER READ THE STORY

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But my mother always tells me she reads it, and says I miss a lot in life."

So I found varied opinions and reactions. Here and there most unexpected interest in the Bible and religion. And in places where there are leisure and personal comfort, an almost complete disregard for anything but the passing show.

I have come to certain conclusions. Apart from the homes of the regular church-goers, I am certain that the Bible is opened more often in Mile End than it is in Mayfair.

Cleere said that to add a library to a house is to give the house a soul.

I would say that one book is sufficient—it that book is the Bible.

By Walt Disney

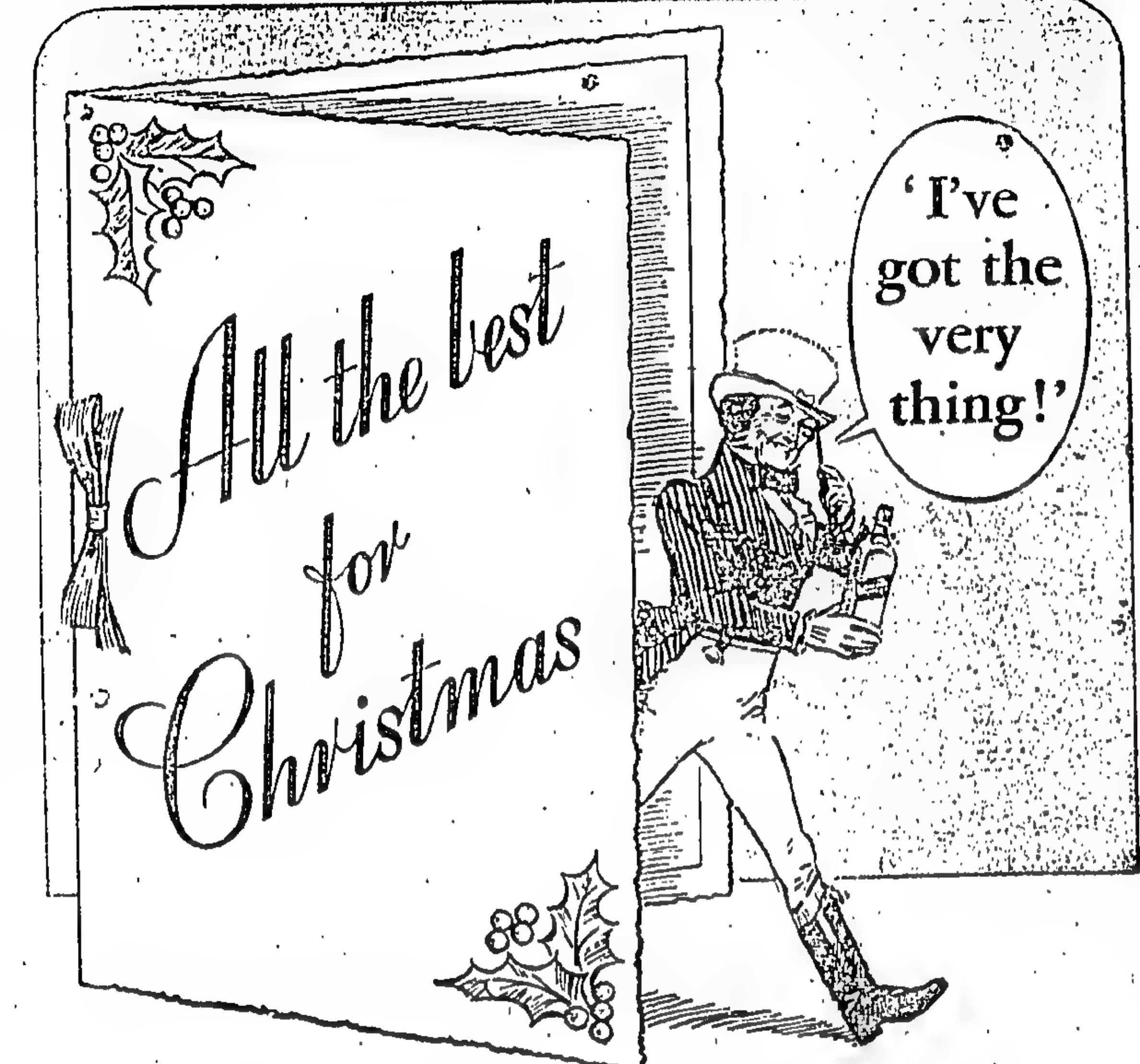
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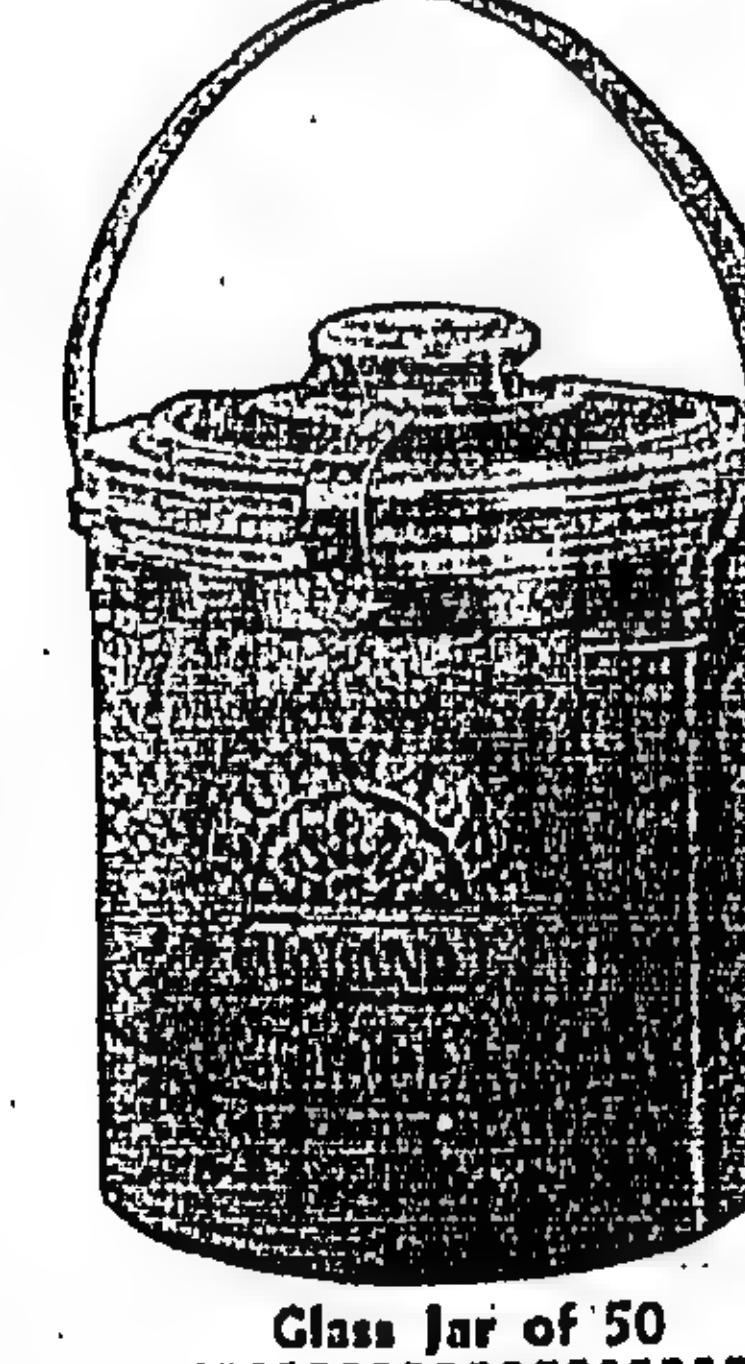
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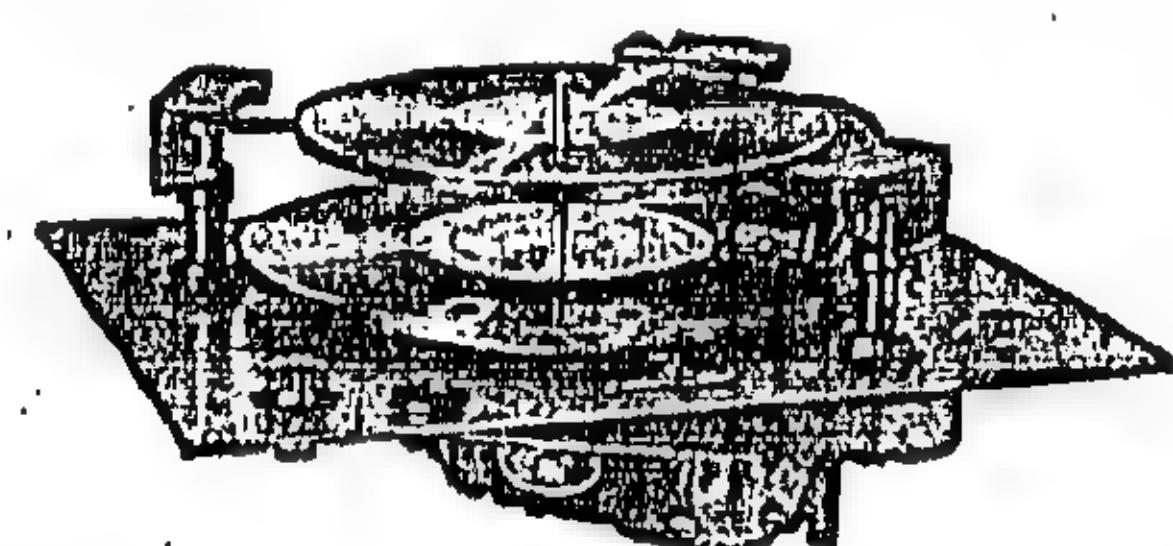
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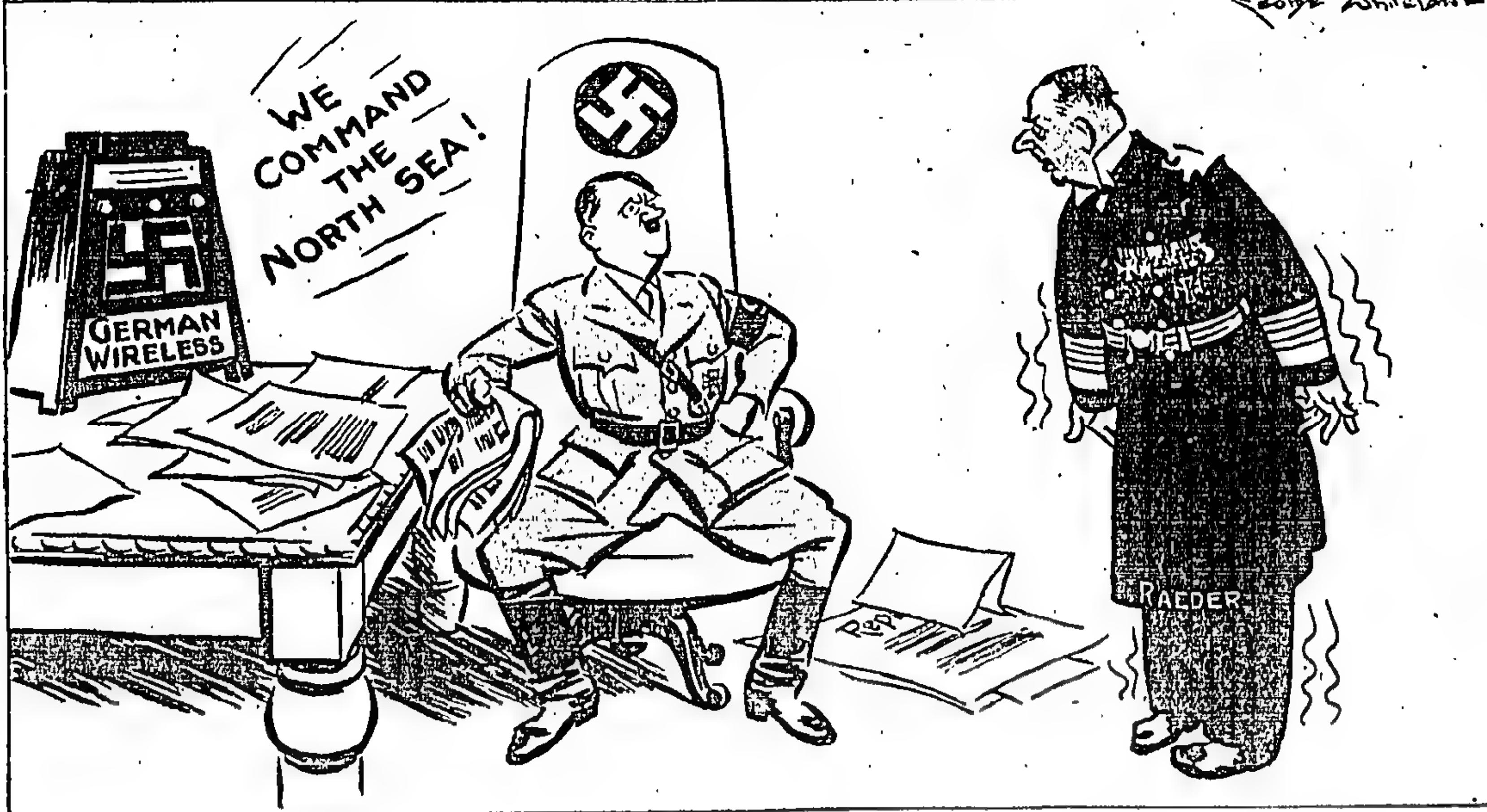
### Britain and Free Speech

A day seldom passes in which some London newspaper does not complain of the burden of war-time officialdom restricting the freedom of British life. A reader of the London press, recently arrived in England, might come to the conclusion that Britain had ceased to be a democracy and was now governed by a dictatorial bureaucracy.

Yet if he asked himself how he had come to such a conclusion, he would surely think it significant that he had been led to it by reading the public press. Was there ever a purely authoritarian State which permitted such free discussion of grievances? Is there any mention in German press of the suppression of news or of the character of German propaganda? Is anyone in Germany, in print, or in public speech, permitted to criticise the administration or to suggest desirable reform?

It is remarkable evidence of Great Britain's retention of the democratic attitude that, though news about military matters and foreign policy is obstinately censored, there is no restraint whatsoever on general comment except that imposed by the critics on themselves. New orders and regulations are frankly discussed. Complaints against hardship are freely ventilated. The press is active in giving expression to what the people are thinking, and Members of Parliament are alert in asking questions in the House and extracting answers and explanations from Ministers, which in their turn, are reported in the papers.

The result is that public opinion, anxious to back up the Government in regard to all restrictions which are necessary in war, is exerting ceaseless pressure on it to remove abuses or rectify mistakes. Errors, of course, seem inevitable. The indispensable bureaucrat exceeds and will doubtless continue to exceed the justifiable limits of his far-reaching powers. But, never beyond a certain point. The people are not silenced. Great as are the sacrifices and the losses of freedom which war involves the democratic sanctions are still operative.



HITLER: "Where is the Admiral Graf Spee? Where is the Leipzig? Where are my beautiful U-Boats so many?"

## YOU MUST BE CAREFUL WHAT YOU SAY

In wartime every letter that enters or leaves Britain, except in the Diplomatic bag of a neutral embassy, must pass through the postal censorship.

At present this entails a great deal of delay, but there will be less when the department is working properly. The censorship has three legitimate purposes — namely, to stop spies from sending information, to stop other information which would be useful to our enemies, and to interfere with enemy trade and finance. Its misuse for other purposes can be prevented if Parliament does its duty in protecting our rights.

A lot of quite innocent people send information which must be stopped. For example, if a woman in a soapbox writes to a sister in Holland that she cannot sleep for the noise of the trains, this means that the port is being used on a large scale, perhaps for sending troops abroad; and the letter must be held up.

You may be sure that your foreign friends aren't Nazi agents, but the nation can't take chances in wartime. Things will be much easier if the Government tell us in full detail what kinds of things we must not write.

Then there are the not-quite-so-innocent people who try to get things past the censor. For example, when there was a shortage of fat in 1917 a woman wrote in Germany, that there were big queues waiting to go to a music-hall star called G. R. Ease!

And last come the real spies. They can't send cipher messages beginning QVAXL, but they can use apparently harmless invoices as codes if they are in a commercial office.

Or they can have a prearranged code. "The cat had seven kittens" means that seven transports left a port last week.

"Aunt Lottie is not so well" means that there are four battleships in the harbour, and "Aunt Lottie is up again" means that they have put out to sea.

Aunt Flora stands for three battleships, and so on. This sort of thing is hard to check, until some one notices that the cat has kittens every month, or that the writer has seventeen aunts!

THIS kind of code only works for routine information such as troop movements. A spy can also use invisible ink. One can write between the lines of an ordinary letter, using a colourless solution which shows up when treated with the right chemical.

A great many kinds of invisible inks are known, and some for black-outs.

can be made from drugs which any one can buy without causing suspicion.

It is easy enough to develop them if you know what ink is being used. During the last war every censorship tried to produce a universal developer which would show up all kinds of secret writing, as the charcoal in a gas mask will stop all the very poisonous gases.

Perhaps we have found such a developer, but I am not very optimistic about it. If not, we have still got a number of first-rate chemists who have not been called up for National Service.

FINALLY we have underground trade with the enemy. The Germans will soon be in desperate need of many raw materials. They may be able to buy some of these from their neighbours, if they can make the manufactured goods to pay for them.

But some materials, like rubber, can only come by routes controlled by the British Navy. Synthetic rubber cannot replace it for all purposes, and can only be made by men and machines and from materials which would otherwise be used for making explosives. So the Nazis will try to get rubber by every possible means.

It will be supposed to be for cycle tyres or gaskets in neutral countries, and there will be large fortunes for those who supply it.

TRADING with the enemy can only be checked by carefully examining all commercial documents going abroad, and in the case of some commodities by abolishing private foreign trade altogether, as was done in 1914-18.

Honest traders will agree to such measures only if they are sure that the regulations will be used only for national ends, and that those who are found guilty of trading with the enemy will be dealt with as severely as any other traitors.

A censorship is necessary, but it will be extremely and deservedly unpopular unless its duties are explained to the people, its work supervised by Parliament, and workers in it who exceed

the justifiable limits of his far-reaching powers. But, never beyond a certain point. The people are not silenced. Great as are the sacrifices and the losses of freedom which war involves the democratic sanctions are still operative.

I believe that the public will accept the necessity for the censorship

... So I asked if they had ever read the story

I PICKED up my Bible and read in the second chapter of St. Luke:

"And she brought forth her firstborn son... and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn."

In those few words is contained the most significant story in the history of the world.

We are about to celebrate the 1,939th anniversary of the birth of Jesus of Nazareth in the stable at Bethlehem.

Age-long custom has made Christmas-time an occasion for rejoicing and good will among men. It is the feast of the Redeemer of Mankind.

And while we rejoice we might take pains to read again the story of the birth of Christ as recorded in the Holy Bible.

Do you read your Bible? A famous general declared recently that never a day passed without his reading a passage of either the Old or New Testament. The remark occasioned some astonishment, because for some reason or other soldiers and religion do not seem to go together, although in point of fact some of the most God-fearing men have been soldiers.

Every day before the House of Commons embarks on the questions and debates of the hour the Chaplain reads a passage from the 97th Psalm—"God be merciful to us and bless us; and cause His face to shine upon us."

And at the coronation of our Kings, the newly-crowned Sovereign is given a Bible by the Primate with the words, "Our Gracious King, we present you with this Book, the most valuable thing that this world affords. Here is wisdom; this is the royal law; these are the lively oracles of God."

A country parson visiting London, staying at a leading commercial hotel in the City of London for the week-end, said a little sadly: "I have reason to ask if there was a Bible in the hotel, and although the staff looked everywhere they could not find one."

On the other hand, a member of Parliament, who has lately been prominent in the House, confessed: "My Bible is the first of my bedside books. I try, even after the most prolonged session, to read a chapter or two."

"I open it at random but almost always I find some verse which arrests attention, which is helpful and of guidance. There is more philosophy in the Old Testament than in all the other books of the world together."

And a few other reactions. The porter at the block of flats where I live:

"I am a Spiritualist. I am aware of the after-life. My belief has nothing to do with Christian teaching as such."

"But I read the Bible, because, although porters are not supposed to have either imagination or much culture, I find it is the greatest reading in the world. Every story that has ever been told to be found in much more exciting form in the Bible."

A Mother's Advice

A SUNDAY school teacher: "I am surprised at your question. Of course I read the Bible, and I make my class learn passages by heart because it is good for them."

"And I give them illustrated texts every Sunday for their scrapbooks so that they may always be reminded of what they ought to know."

A labourer remaking the road close to where I live:

"I have no time to read the Bible, or, in fact, anything at all except the football results and the pool papers."

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## NAZI APOLOGIA

# 'Fooled' British Navy

## Latest Claim Over Graf Spee Sinking

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 19 (Reuter).—The fate of the Graf Spee is a severe blow for Germany, says the Berlin correspondent of the "Dagbladet," who declares that official quarters of the capital are very bitter regarding the refusal of the Uruguayan Government to allow the battleship an extension of time in order to enable the necessary repairs to be made.

They accuse Uruguay of a breach of international law and declare that the matter will not be forgotten by Germany.

They allege that Uruguay submitted to English pressure. Therefore their action in sending the Graf Spee out of Montevideo "in a state of disrepair" was not in conformity with strict neutrality.

### Nazis Consolation

The correspondent adds, however, that there is consolation in Germany that the Deutschtand and the Admiral Scheer can still harass English shipping, and that English warships will be obliged to operate far away from their home bases.

The Berlin representative of the "Tidningar" says that mourning for the Graf Spee is combined with satisfaction that the battleship did not fall into English hands.

### "Cheap Victory" Prevented

The British had counted on a cheap victory, says the German Press, but Hitler fooled them by the order to blow up the vessel.

The newspapers unite in declaring that the end of the Graf Spee was an honourable one and in conformity with the traditions of the German Navy.

## POLES TRAINING TO HIT BACK

### Navy And Land Forces To Join Allies

LONDON, Dec. 19 (Reuter).—Poland's war efforts in the Allied cause were discussed by members of the Polish Military Mission to Britain.

An agreement has been reached with the British Government for units of the Polish Navy to operate with the Royal Navy for "the duration."

They comprise destroyers and submarines which are manned by Poles. Few Polish merchantmen are now in enemy hands.

Polish land forces are now training in France.

## Nazis Gagging The Press

### New Restrictions

LONDON, Dec. 19 (Reuter).—A special commentary states that the German authorities have devised a new method of preventing news about Germany reaching the outside world despite the boast of not imposing censorship.

It is already known that neutral correspondents are liable to expulsion if they send out unfavourable news.

Now it is stated that they have been warned that if colleagues in neutral countries outside Germany send home unfavourable news the correspondent in Germany will be prevented from working.

## RAILWAYS FOR THE B.E.F.

LONDON, Dec. 19 (Reuter).—About £10,000,000 worth of engines and railway equipment have been ordered for the use of the B.E.F. in France.

The order includes 240 freight engines, 10,000 covered wagons, permanent way material costing £1,750,000 and mechanical equipment for docks.

## TRIBUTE TO THE B.E.F.

### Premier "Amazed" By Progress Made

LONDON, Dec. 19 (Reuter).—Mr. Neville Chamberlain paid a high tribute to the B.E.F. in a broadcast to-night.

He said inter alia:

"I have been impressed by everything I have seen of the troops and air components."

"When I consider the shortness of time the force has been in France, conditions of the weather and other difficulties, I am simply amazed by the progress made."

### Complete Confidence

"I must congratulate the Commander-in-Chief upon the way his preparations for defence have been progressing, and upon the obvious smartness and efficiency of the troops under his command."

"I have been delighted to hear of the excellent relations existing between the B.E.F. and the French inhabitants."

Mr. Chamberlain concluded by saying that he had complete confidence in the ability of the B.E.F. to tackle any task.

## Linguistic Borgin

### Talks To Newsmen In Four Languages

LONDON, Dec. 19 (Reuter).—Entertaining members of the Foreign Press Association at a luncheon, Mr. Leslie Burgin, the Minister of Supply, evoked rounds of applause when he declared that "almost all the civilised world—with one solitary exception—is represented here to-day."

Mr. Burgin added that the Allies were fighting to put truth back on a pedestal and the correspondents might rest assured that every communication they received in Britain would be strictly factual.

Mr. Burgin delighted the cosmopolitan audience by speaking to them in French, German and Spanish.

## SILVER IMPORT CONTROL

NEW DELHI, Dec. 19 (Reuter).—It is announced in the "Gazette" that a new rule under the Defence of India Act empowers the Government to impose on those authorised to import silver into British India such conditions as it may consider necessary regarding its use and disposal if the Government considers it expedient.

Similar power is conferred on the Reserve Bank of India.

## Graf Spee Crew To Be Interned

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 19 (Reuter).—The Argentine Government has decided to intern the officers and men of the Graf Spee, who landed at Buenos Aires following the scuttling of the battleship.

Those who returned to Uruguay have already been interned.

## Roosevelt's Slip Of The Tongue

NEW YORK, Dec. 19 (Reuter).—The White House now reports that President Roosevelt has not signed the restoration of the Cuban Sugar Quota, but the document restoring the former sugar import duties.

No details are given.

The President's Secretary stated that President Roosevelt made a slip of the tongue when he made the earlier statement at a Press Conference.

## French Patrol Takes Nazi Prisoners

PARIS, Dec. 19 (Reuter).—A number of French soldiers volunteered on Monday for a special patrol.

They penetrated for some miles behind the German lines and brought back a number of prisoners, including two officers.

## MONOTYPE EXHIBITION

The Exhibition of Monotypes arranged by Mrs. Erne Freedlander, which is being held at the St. Andrew's Hall in Kowloon, has been extended for an additional day, and will now be shown until 6 p.m. to-day.

The exhibition opens at 9 a.m.

## NAZIS DISILLUSIONED BY SOVIET FAILURE

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 19 (Reuter).—The opinion is growing in Berlin that the Russo-Finnish war will shortly cause significant changes in the political position in Europe, says the "Nyheterna" Berlin representative.

This correspondent adds that Finland has been able to expose that both the Soviet and Germany are in an awkward position.

Germany is obliged to realise that nobody now fears her Russian ally,

## SOVIETS SHELL NAZI SHIP

### Berlin Admits Two Others Sunk

LONDON, Dec. 19 (Reuter).—A report from Stockholm states that Soviet submarine shelled the German steamer, Pinnau, which was carrying coal to a Swedish port.

The submarine, says the report, suddenly emerged and fired 35 shells at the ship.

There were no hits.

The sinking of two other German ships by Soviet warships is now admitted in Berlin.

Discussions are now going on in Riga between the Russians and a Nazi Commission.

## Murder Of Nazi Echo

## Proof Of Our Naval Power

### Three Tasks Carried Out Simultaneously

LONDON, Dec. 19 (Reuter).—A special commentary issued to-day states that the recent news reveals the full extent of the British naval power.

While fighting successful actions in the North Sea and Montevideo simultaneously, the Royal Navy was also engaged in the gigantic task of convoying the first contingent of Canadian forces across the Atlantic.

The successful performance of three such arduous tasks over this wide area sheds light on the foolish German boast of control of the North Sea and Atlantic.

## H. K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning.

### BANKS

H.K. Banks \$.....	1,340	sa.
H.K. Banks (Lon. Reg.) .....	2,62	n.
H.K. Banks (H.K. Reg.) .....	2,64	n.
Chartered £.....	.87	n.
Mercantile, A. & B. £.....	.29	n.
Mercantile, C. £.....	.11	n.
East Asia \$.....	.78	n.

### INSURANCES

Canton \$.....	.210	n.
Union \$.....	.400	b.
China Underwriter \$.....	.14	n.
H.K. Fire \$.....	.190	n.

### SHIPPING

Douglas \$.....	.71	1/4 b.
Steamboats \$.....	.11	n.
Indo-Chinas Ps.....	.90	n.
Indo-Chinas Ds.....	.60	n.
Shells (Boards) s/.....	.81	3/4 n.
Waterboats \$.....	.8	10

### DOCKS ETC.

Wharves \$.....	102	sa.
Docks \$.....	10,60	60 sa.
Provisions \$.....	4,60	n.
New Eng. Sh. \$.....	10,80	n.
Sh. Docks Sh. \$.....	105	n.

### MINING

Katian s/.....	17	1/- n.
Statius \$ ex div. ....	10.10	n.
Venz. Gold \$.....	4	n.
H.K. Mines \$.....	4	cts.

### LANDS

Hotels \$.....	.51	s.
Lands \$.....	.34	s.
Lands 4% Deb. \$.....	.100	n.
Shai Lands Sh. \$.....	.10	70
Humphreys \$.....	.80	n.

### UTILITIES

Trams .....	17	sa.
Peak Trams (old) \$.....	8	n.
Peak Trams (new) \$.....	4	n.
Star Ferries \$.....	.06	n.
X. Ferries \$.....	.23	1/4 b.

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## Around The Courses

# NOVEL MATCH TO AID RED CROSS

## Mrs. Kew Wins Country Club Ladies' Cup By Last Putt Of Match

(By "Birdie")

GOLF HAS SEEN SEVERAL novel contests, and quite a few were played during the last great war, but the latest one has arisen out of a desire on the part of Joe Davis, world snooker champion, to raise money for the British Red Cross. He has offered to meet Henry Cotton in a series of golf and snooker matches.

All that Davis wants from Cotton is a stroke a hole, and he, in turn, offers the golfer six blacks start at snooker. Cotton is interested, and though of the opinion that no handicap at snooker could be high enough for him, is willing to meet Davis in both games—provided Davis gives him some lessons at snooker first!

At the start of the last war in 1914, J. N. Farrar, a native of Hoylake, took a 10-1 bet that he could not go round the Royal Course under 100 strokes fully equipped in full infantry marching order, water bottle, full field kit and haversack. He won by going round in 94.

Several golfers, including professionals, later tried this feat, and failed.

ONE of the greatest handicaps there is in golf is the mental handicap. I read somewhere recently of a "freak" match that was based on this factor. A low single-figure handicap player paired up with a higher golfer, and before the match offered the usual handicap of strokes difference. This was refused, and the suggestion put forward by the second man that he be allowed the privilege of saying "boo" at any three times during the round, and there would be no stroke difference. This was agreed to, and the "psychologist" won quite comfortably—and with two "boos" in hand!

A DIFFERENT kind of handicap is a distance allowance. At Littlehampton in 1924, Harry Rowntree, an amateur, played the better ball of Edward Ray and George Duncan, and received an allowance of 150 yards to use as he required during the round.

Rowntree won by 6 and 5, having used only 50 yards two feet of his allowance. At one hole Duncan took two, and Rowntree, who was 25 yards short, took that off his handicap to hole out in one!

Ray afterwards declared that if he were given one yard handicap per round he would win every championship in the world. And it is quite feasible when one considers how many puts stop an inch or two from the hole, or how much difference is between a bunker and the fairway by a matter of an inch or two.

ONE of the closest matches that has ever been played in the Ladies Cup competition at the Country Club, Shoungshui, was the final between Mrs. A. J. Kew and Miss A. Sequela last Sunday. Mrs. Kew won on the last putt!

The first round ended all square. Mrs. Kew having gone round in 47 and Miss Sequela in 46. The second nine were completed in 45 and 46 respectively, and actually, in strokes they were equal—92 each.

On the last hole, Miss Sequela hit the misfortune to land on the edge of a pony ditch through making allowance for the wind which failed at the wrong moment. Without a foothold, she had to chip on to the fairway, and reach the green in three. It was that chip

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### H. K. C. C. Teams To Play Recreio

The following teams will represent Hongkong Cricket Club against Recreio on Saturday:

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### SPORTSMEN IN TRAINING



Bert Sproston (Manchester City), Willie Cook (Everton), Eddie Watts (Surrey C.C.) and Gordon Glusco (Liverpool) under instruction of Sgt. Instructor Ted Harper (Blackburn). These are some of the many cricketers and footballers in England who are busy taking a course in the Physical Training Branch of the Army.

### Scotland's XI To Meet England On Dec. 26

Scotland's team to meet in the Sunday Herald Charity Cup on the Football Club ground on Tuesday at 3.30 p.m. was selected yesterday. Players are to report to Mr. W. Pryde, manager, in the dressing room at 2.30 p.m. in shorts and stockings will be supplied.

The team is—Duncan (Scots); A. Bone (Club), Blackburn (Police); Captain Clarke (Scots); McEwen (Club), Williamson (Kloof); Clarke (Scots); Munro (Scots); Pryde (Club); Hosack (Scots); Ferrier (Police); Tait (Midlothian); Reserves, Dignan (Signals); Birrell (Engineers); Gibb (Scots).

that cost her the match. Mrs. Kew won the hole with 5.

ONE cannot hesitate to congratulate J. T. Smith on his third big win in the Colony. F. D. Hunter's anticipated challenge in the R.H.K.G.C. Championship did not materialise and little wonder in view of Smith's winning score. Hunter improved six strokes in the afternoon on his morning round of 80. Smith went round in the morning in 72, but bettered that in the afternoon with a 69.

On greens that were very true, Smith was deadly accurate. At the 12th, in both rounds he sank 2's, while nine of his other holes were 3's.

It seems that as long as the champion remains in Hongkong, he will remain champion (on present form).

TWO close games were seen in the first round of the Country Club Junior Championship. The complete results were:

A. G. Botelho beat L. Roza Pereira 4 and 3.

A. R. de Pinna beat R. E. Lee 2 up.

S. V. Gittins beat M. F. de Pinna 1 up.

H. R. de Pinna beat W. G. Williams on the 20th.

W. C. Hung beat A. A. Alvares 8 and 6.

C. Kew beat A. Gutierrez 5 and 4.

G. Lee beat C. Roza Pereira 7 and 6.

Gittins beat Pinna on the last putt, while, as can be seen, Pinna and Williams went to the 20th green.

The second round will be played off during the Christmas Holidays.

E. SADICK (70) and C. Kew (82) qualified for the Captain's Cup competition on Sunday last.

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### Middleweight Title

## Lee Shows Considerably More Punch Power Than Ceferino Garcia

Ceferino Garcia, world's middleweight champion, may be rated the hardest middleweight puncher in the world to-day, but it was Glen Lee, the American title contender, who displayed the punching power in training, states the Manila Bulletin. Demonstrating the vicious mauling that enabled him to score victories over the leading middleweights in the world, including Garcia, Solly Kreiger, and Fred Apostoli, Lee smacked around his sparring partners with merciless abandon, and had three of the four boys who worked out with him sprawled out on the canvas several times.

He first took on Bobby Wills, claimant to the welterweight championship of Japan who recently returned to Manila and floored him three times in the first round. He eased up in the second round but even at that the Japanese champion called it quits after the second canto.

Lee then turned his guns upon Vic Vicente, another 145-pounder, but he too quit after being dumped in the first round. Johnny Cabuco next went in against the Nebraskan and lasted one round.

Just to show that he not only has a punch but also has plenty of speed, Lee next took on Francisco Ferren, a lightweight, whom he knocked down three times in the three-minutes of workout.

### LOSS OF CONFIDENCE

AFTER seeing Lee in action yesterday, Garcia's backers are not so confident that the coming title bout will be an easy one for the Filipino world champion.

Garcia worked five rounds, and drew a big hand on the manner he handled himself against his sparring

partner for their training for the world's championship bout slated at the Rizal Memorial Stadium, December 23.

Practically all of the P25.00 and P15.00 seats have been sold out but there are quite a number of P10.00 seats still unsold. Cortes, however, is confident he will have a sell-out of his P200,000 capacity house.

### Race Entries For December Meet At Kwanti

1.—2.46 p.m. "The Taipo Handicap". A steeplechase of 1½ miles for China ponies—Clowner, Ebony Idol, Mortmain and Three Farthings.

2.—"The Jorocks Plate". 1½ miles. A hurdle race for China ponies, bona fide hunters. Winner last season of a steeplechase and/or hurdle race barred. Catchweight 168 lbs.

3.—"Centre Forward". Emergency Call, Jack O'Lantern, Seventeenth of September, The Minx and Wildness.

4.—"The Hobart Handicap". 7 furlongs. A flat race for Australian ponies "C" Class—Ajax, Amber II, Brutus, Dick Turpin, Discovery Bay, Heinz, Macquarie River, Schmetterling, Tarzan and Zeddie.

5.—"The Canberra Handicap". 1½ miles. A steeplechase for Australian ponies "D" class. Winners this year of more than \$1,600. Novice jockeys allowed 8 lbs.—Arabian Cat, Estover, Fei Ying, Golden Cow, Jack O'Lantern, Lancashire Chap, National Liberty, Plet Hohn, Plain View, Popular Star, Sports Venture, Tempest, The Leopard, Tigress and Tribune.

6.—"The Happy Valley Handicap". 5 furlongs. A flat race for China ponies classified "E" class. Novice jockeys allowed 8 lbs.—Diligenes, Dow-Jones Ebony Idol, Gallant Mariah, Heddon, Heriot, High Tower, King's Envoy, Lucky Eleven, New Bedford, Mireh Brown, Old Fashioned, Palmer, Rose Day and Tiger Eyes.

Handicaps will be published next week.

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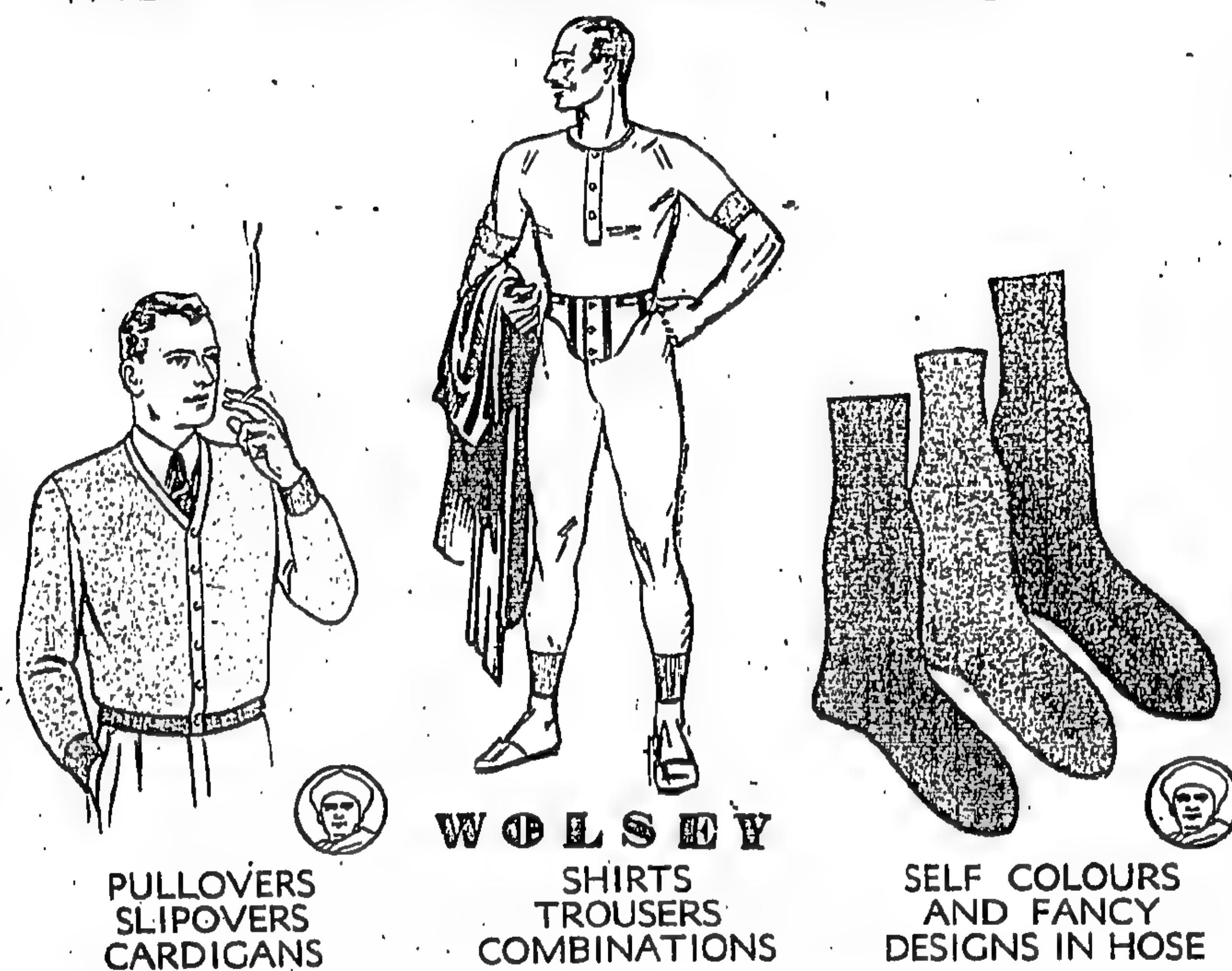


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## 800-A-Minute Deadly Hail of The Bren Gun

By IAN MACKAY

BRENTOWN.

I DESCRIBED recently how British and Dominion journalists watched a great 14-inch iron-lunged monster hurling a ton of steel at a sandbank 300yds. away.

To-day we saw a murderous little spitfire which a boy could sling over his shoulder peppering a target with third-of-an-inch-long bullets at the rate of 700 or 800 a minute.

This was the famous Bren gun, which the Czechs invented to save their freedom but were never allowed to use.

It is an incredibly simple thing to watch in action, but, in reality, a more complicated mechanism never emerged from the mind of man. It consists of 172 parts which require 3,174 separate operations to create here, not in the workshops, but in the drawing offices.

Everywhere I went to-day I came across bottles of milk on benches; even in the smithy. I asked the Factory Superintendent about it, and he said they sell about 4,000 bottles a day to the workers.

One result has been a surprising reduction in the number of cases of influenza.

The condition of the men is very good, although some are showing signs of strain, particularly since the black-out which, I was told, has a bad psychological effect.

One last picture of this great small-arm workers. A river runs through it, and during their rest period the workers amuse themselves by feeding the swans at the foot of a waterfall.

Perhaps the most remarkable feature of this wonderful weapon is that the first bullet to leave the muzzle fires all the rest. The gas produced by the first explosion acts all the others going.

**Non-Stop Hail**

Every gun has a space barrel which can in one movement be substituted for the first when it gets hot, thus ensuring a continuous hail of bullets.

As I stood in the proof bays, my ears stopped with cotton wool, and watched the vicious thing spraying up fountains in the sand, I wondered how it could be possible for even the most fearless of men to stand up against it for more than a second or two.

But even more remarkable than its performance is the magic of its making. Among the instruments used to produce it are micrometers which measure parts to one-millionth of an inch. In case this figure is meaningless to you, it may help you to grasp it when I say that by comparison a human hair (1/2,000 of an inch) would look like a telegraph-pole.

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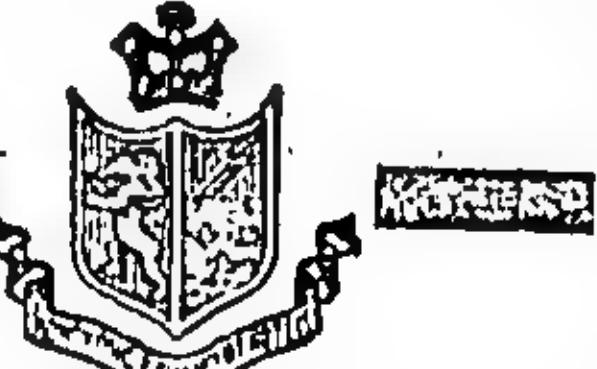


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## ENTERTAINMENT PAGE

### H.K. "PANTO" JUBILEE

#### Ali Baba At The Y.M.C.A.

THE opening to-day of "Ali Baba", this year's Y.M.C.A. Christmas entertainment, marks the golden jubilee in Hongkong of the presentation of this popular "panto" by local amateurs.

By a remarkable coincidence, it was fifty years ago this Christmas that the Hongkong Amateur Dramatic Club made their debut in burlesque when they presented "Ali Baba" at the Theatre Royal, City Hall. The show ran until January 4, 1890.

The "Telegraph" of December 27, 1890, says: "His Excellency Governor de Voucamps and the elite of the Colony were present to witness the novel and somewhat daring experiment of our local amateur talent in an altogether new field."

"Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves" is an old extravaganza that was played in London with considerable success many years ago; the version played last night has, of course, been modernised and focalised to suit the altered character of the times. The plot is based on the ancient story in the "Arabian Nights".

"GAGGING" IN 1890

"The piece itself is about as threadbare as even a modern extravaganza could be, but as it affords opportunities for any amount of "gagging" and so-called witlessness, and for the introduction of musical selections, comic and otherwise, it serves the end for which it was written."

"Before proceeding further we have to compliment Captain Clayton, the stage manager of the A.D.C., on the manner in which the piece was staged, the scenery being exceptionally effective."

"Great credit is certainly due to the conductor, Mr. Hill, the bandmaster of the Argyle and Sutherland Highlanders, and to the orchestra generally, for the accuracy and precision with which the musical numbers were dealt with."

And now, in day fifty years after that first local performance, "Ali Baba" will again be presented to the Hongkong public.

A dress rehearsal for to-day's show was held on Monday night and was attended by a large number of Service men.

The pantomime, which will run during the Christmas festivities, is being produced by Major Brown. The make-up for certain members of the cast is being done by Victor Mumuk.

#### Plans For Anna Neagle

ANNA NEAGLE is identified to closely nowadays with serious characters, thanks to her prolonged career as Queen Victoria and her present appearance as Nurse Cavel. Her gay and tempestuous film past tends to become obscured.

She is far from having exhausted the more vivacious parts for which Herbert Wilcox designed her, in view of her Nell Gwyn and Peg Wellington successes, but it isn't any of these for which she is announced next. Instead, Anna Neagle is to star in the screen version of that stage hit of nearly twenty years ago, "Irene"—pronounced, you may remember, in the American way with two syllables. Edith Day played the part in New York and London.

There had been rumours that Herbert Wilcox might direct Anna Neagle in "Marie Lloyd" whilst they were in Hollywood. The screen biography of the most famous of London music-hall comedienne involves some ticklish considerations and no doubt it is wiser to leave it until they get back to London.



Eleanor Powell and Fred Astaire, America's King and Queen of Dancing, rehearsing for a scene in their first co-starring film, "Broadway Melody of 1940." This M.G.M. film will be screened in Hongkong sometime next Spring.

#### R.E.O.C.A. DANCE

The Royal Engineers Old Comrades Association are holding a Carnival Dance on Boxing Day at the Peninsula Hotel. The dance will commence at 8.30 p.m.

Music will be provided by the dance orchestra of the 2nd Battalion, The Royal Scots, by kind permission of Lt. Col. D. J. McDougall, M.C., and Officers.

#### Canada's Ban On German Films

THE ban on trade with the enemy under the War Measures Act in Canada affects the acceptance in the Dominion of any motion pictures of German origin, whether through a neutral country or not.

Through the regulations of the Act it is an offence for any firm or individual in Canada to accept importation of any commodity through which the enemy country derives any assistance in the way of revenue, whether a neutral third party is involved or not.

This forbids the importation of any moving picture film, including newsreel clip, any revenue from which would accrue to the credit of the enemy.

#### "Mamlock" Banned

THE banning of a film without viewing is the astonishing precedent created by Hove Watch Committee. The film is "Professor Mamlock."

The manager of the Lido, Hove, applied for permission to screen this Russian-made film showing the horrors of Nazi concentration camps.

Alderman E. J. Thompson, chairman of Hove sub-committee, said: "If this film is shown it will breed hatred towards the German people, and Hove does not want to contribute to this. Our decision was based on reliable reports."

The film was being shown in the adjoining town of Brighton at that time.

### Christmas Cinema Fare

HONGKONG entertainment centres are busily preparing for the festive season. Every social rendezvous here reports record bookings for the Christmas and New Year holidays.

Local cinema houses have lined up some of the best movie productions for screening during the holidays.

Mr. Chas. Rossetti announced yesterday that for the Christmas holidays, the Queen's and Alhambra Theatres will screen "Flying Deuces," the new Laurel and Hardy film. This picture will open on Sunday afternoon.

For the New Year celebrations, commencing on Sunday, December 31, the latest Mickey Rooney picture will be shown at these same theatres. This is "Babes in Arms," an M.G.M. film in which Mickey Rooney appears with Judy Garland, Charles Wininger and Guy Kibbee.

The Christmas attraction at the King's Theatre will be "Second Fiddle," a romantic comedy drama starring Sonja Henie and Tyrone Power. Musical numbers in this film are by Irving Berlin.

Another important Twentieth Century-Fox film, "Hollywood Cavalade" will commence screening at the King's Theatre on Sunday, December 31.

#### Oberon-Brent Co-Star

Latest news from Warner Bros. this week is that Merle Oberon has been signed for the starring role in "We Shall Meet Again." Edmund Goulding will direct, with George Brent, Jane Bryan and Pat O'Brien in the cast.

Laurence Olivier, who starred with Merle Oberon in "Wuthering Heights" will be starred in the leading role of "Disraeli" with Geraldine Fitzgerald in the cast.



No, it's not . . . it's Albert Burdon, who heads the cast of the recently completed "Jail Birds" a British film. The resemblance was noticed quite by accident, but a special sequence taking advantage of it will be found in the film.

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### Training Periods Set For Next Year

The camping season of the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps has been extended to January, February and March next year, and the following arrangements have been made:

First Camp, Fanling, January 22, p.m. to January 29, p.m.—A. S. C. Coy. (Transport section), No. 1 Coy., No. 4 Coy. (Chinese), No. 5 Coy. (Portuguese), No. 7 Coy. (Chinese). Second Camp, Fanling, January 30, p.m. to February 6, p.m.—Field Coy. Engineers, Corps Signals, Mobile Column, No. 2 Coy. (Scottish), No. 3 Coy.

Third Camp, Fanling, January 21, p.m. to February 28 p.m.—1st Battery, 3rd Battery, 5th Anti-Aircraft Battery.

Fourth Camp, March 4, p.m. to March 11, p.m.—Field Ambulance.

Fifth Camp, March 8 p.m. to March 13 p.m.—2nd Battery, 4th Battery, No. 8 Coy. (Portuguese).

Members of Army Service Corps Company (Supply Section) and Pay Section will be notified later individually.

### Request to Employers

Officers and Volunteers will be required to report on the evening of the day the camp commences and will be dismissed in the afternoon of the last day.

Each camp lasts seven days and Officers and Volunteers are required to attend for the full period during which their units are under training, unless special exemption has been obtained either by themselves or their employers.

Employers are requested to take careful note of the above dates and to make available all officers and Volunteers when the units to which they belong are under training.

In special cases, where exemption is sought, employers should always request leave for their employees, in writing, as early as possible, from the Commandant, H.K.V.D.C., Volunteer Headquarters, Garden Road.

## KING AT PLYMOUTH

London, Dec. 19. His Majesty the King paid a surprise visit to the Naval Command at Plymouth yesterday and spent many hours inspecting the naval establishment.

He talked to scores of officers, petty officers and men, including those of the mine-sweeping and anti-submarine trawlers attached to the Fleet.

The King also took the salute from a parade of 2,000 of the 9,000 officers and men stationed at Plymouth. They included fishermen from Newfoundland, for whom the King had a special word of greeting.—Reuter Special.

### Visits Many Vessels

London, Dec. 19. The King spent the day with the Navy, visiting the Plymouth Command yesterday and inspecting minesweeping trawlers.

His Majesty boarded a destroyer which had just returned from a 15-day routine patrol.

The King also saw and spoke to fishermen from Newfoundland who have come to Britain to join the Navy.—Reuter Bulletin.

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## A Look Through The "Telegraph"

### 50 YEARS AGO

Dec. 20, 1889.  
An American paper informs us that Hongkong is growing with marvellous rapidity, and the rumour that is to be made the Oriental terminus of the line from British Columbia establishing itself in the colony. The world is tempting either capital from all sections of British dominions. It now has over 7,000,000 tons of shipping per year, over \$100,000,000 of locally registered capital, and it is practically the financial centre for the whole East."

The post-card is twenty years old. It is Austria which has the credit of first adopting the invention, though it was first advocated by that well-known political reformer, the German General-Major Dr. Siegmund. On October 1, 1889, a "Correspondent Kurte" first burst on the astonished continental world. The idea caught on, and we need not remind our readers how soon it became popular in this country. The post-card is no such a world's "institution" now that it seems strange to think how young it is.

### 25 YEARS AGO

Dec. 20, 1914.  
An official statement says that 82 persons were killed and 250 wounded in the bombardment of Hartlepool. Patrol five were killed on the beach, Patrol ten lost on the Destroyer Doun, with nine wounded, in the engagement off Hartlepool. A Berlin official statement says: Our ships were hit by the coast batteries but only slightly damaged.

The Patrol is a protected asset, sister ship to the Pathfinder, of 2,000 tons. She is armed with 9.2in. guns, does 26 knots and has a crew of 208. The Doun is a destroyer of 600 tons with a speed of 25 knots and a crew numbering 72.

"Temporary," the once rejected but now world-famous song, has its critics as well as its admirers. And if we are to judge from the Home papers, these critics are mostly mustaches, who are very much out of the picture just now, but who are turning to certain musical attempts to measure them, "by their usual standard." Some of these eminent critics have suggested that "Temporary" should be suppressed because it has no musical merit, and have other tunes in its stead such as Elgar's "Land of Hope and Glory."

To-day is the Name Day of the Tsar of Russia.

The following appointments have been made in the Hongkong Volunteer Reserve:—Lieutenant G. A. F. Grone to be 2nd Lieutenant; 2nd Lieutenants John Owen Hughes and Benjamin Roemer Branch to be Lieutenants; Sergeant Richard John Stevenson to be Warrant Officer (Sergeant Major Instructor) with the rank of Temporary 2nd Lieutenant in the Engineer Company, Hongkong Volunteer Corps.

10 YEARS AGO

Dec. 20, 1929.  
The following will represent the Regiments in their League Meetings until Royal Artillery tomorrow on the Esplanade ground, King's Park.—1. J. Gutierrez, H. A. Alva, H. M. Xavier, P. Xavier, J. E. Neronha, A. P. Pereira, C. M. Souza, G. Gutierrez, J. H. Fligueiredo, M. F. Pinto and F. H. Carvalho.

With Wing Commander A. H. S. Steele-Pecking as principal host, the Royal Air Force, including both Rail and Air Arm, and the fleet air arm, gave a ball at the Peninsula Hotel last night which was in every way brilliant.

### 5-YEARS AGO

Dec. 20, 1934.  
Japan's decision to abrogate the Washington Treaty has called forth comment from all over the world, and Mr. K. Hirota, the Foreign Minister, today reiterated Japan's policy in the matter of naval armaments. Battleships and aircraft carriers must be totally abolished for the sake of world peace, he said.

The Abyssinian Government has telegraphed to the League of Nations regarding the claim that the Italians were the aggressors in the clash in Uunai district, on the Somaliland frontier. The Abyssinian Government also charges that the Italians were the aggressors in a second encounter with tribesmen three days later, farther up the frontier. The Italian Ambassador to the stand that Uunai is Abyssinian territory anyway and that the Italians have no right there, having occupied the place illegally. The telegram states that these are the two principal questions to be settled and reverts the Government's desire for arbitration of the subject which the Italian Government has declared to be unnecessary.

Built for Poland, the first liner ever to sail under Poland's flag, the steamship Marshal Piłsudski, was launched with a speed of 20 knots and is named after the famous Dictator of the country who is responsible for the unification of the nation and the post-war progressiveness. (She was torpedoed last week.—Eds.)

In accordance with a resolution adopted by the Membership Fee Committee of the League of Nations in dealing with China's demand for reduction in the annual membership fee, an arrangement has been reached with the League of Nations for the payment of membership fees overdues. It provides that the payment of arrears is to be spread over thirty years; that is, China has to pay an annual amount of \$2,000,000 commencing from next year, until 1964.

### BRITAIN-JAPAN

Craigie-Tani Talk To Begin Next Week

Tokyo, Dec. 19.  
Japan is making strenuous efforts to settle relations with Great Britain, the Foreign Minister, Admiral Nomura, stated at the second conference of Government leaders and the leaders of political parties on Monday.

Negotiations will, it is believed, be resumed during this week between the British Ambassador, Sir Robert Craigie, and the Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs, Mr. Matsuyuki Tani.

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1.45 Schumann—Symphony No. 1 In Flat Major, Op. 38, Chicago Symphony Orchestra conducted by Frederick Stock.

2.15 Close down.

6.0 Dance Music.

6.5 Closing local Stock Quotations.

7.0 London Relay—New Parlour Game "Xmas Shopping"—Members of C. B. Cochran's Revue "Light Up" v. B.B.C. Repertoire Company, produced by Neil Munro;

7.30 London Relay—The News.

8.0 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 Military Band Music.—Lu Tarantelle De Belphégor (Roc Albert), The B.B.C. Military Band cond. by B. Walton O'Donnell; Sousa Marches On (Medley of Sousa Marches), Regimental Band of H. M. Grenadier Guards.

8.15 Studio—A Christmas Party Game.

8.45 Marek Weber and His Orchestra with Nelson Eddy (Baritone) and Nan Maryska (Soprano).—Viennese Memories of Lehár (arr. Henry Hall), Marek Weber and His Orchestra; "Apple Blossoms"; When I Grow Too Old To Dream (film 'The Night Is Young') Nelson Eddy (Baritone) with Orchestra; The Hermit (Impression from the picture by Arnold Bocklin)—Clemens Schmidlich; Marek Weber and His Orchestra; Don't Be Cross (Zeller), Nightingale Song (Zeller), Nan Maryska (Soprano) with Orchestra; Polpoir of Waltz (Robrecht); Marek Weber and His Orchestra.

9.05 Studio—Comments on Recent Events.

9.15 London Relay—News Summary.

9.20 Selected Piano Solos. Study In C Sharp Minor, Op. 10, No. 4 (Chopin); Study In C Flat Major, Op. 10, No. 5 (Chopin); Mazurka In C Sharp Minor, Op. 50, No. 3 (Chopin); Vladimir Horowitz (Piano). Scenes From Childhood (Schumann); Yves Nat (Piano).

9.40 Mozart's "Don Giovanni" Act I. Glyndebourne Festival Opera Company conducted by Fritz Busch. Singers in order of appearance: Bacchoni; Souzé; Brownlee; Franklin Patthy; Hollisgruber; Mildmay and Henderson.

11.0 Close down.

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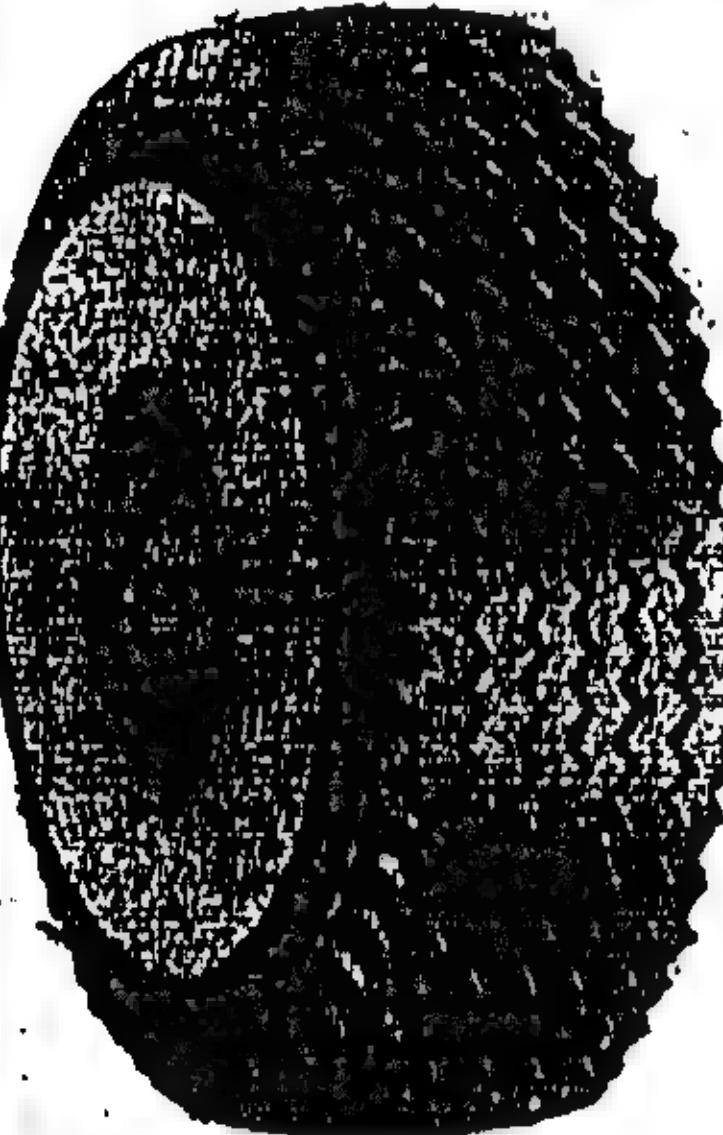
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# Hitler Hopes For 'Peace' Without A Big Offensive

MADAME TABOUISS, WORLD-FAMOUS DIPLOMATIC WRITER, REVEALS TO-DAY THAT HITLER, STILL IN A STATE OF INDECISION, HAS AGAIN CHANGED HIS MIND ABOUT FUTURE PLANS.

He has for the first time given his advisers to understand that he fears to launch an offensive in the West. He is now inclined to listen to those who urge him to remain on the defensive—for years, if necessary. But this new plan, like others, will fail.

WHILE German threats to Britain are still unexecuted the Reich, in the last few weeks, has suffered a succession of setbacks of all kinds—the Anglo-French-Turkish Pact, Papal Encyclical, raising of the U.S. arms embargo, speeches by Molotov and Voroshilov affirming once more that the Soviet Union will not give the Reich military or material support, also that the Kremlin officially numbers Germany among the capitalist States it wishes to oppose.

The effect on the Führer of this series of defeats can be gauged by reports I have received from neutral countries, said Madame Tabouis.

The war plans for the West we have heard so much about have undergone considerable changes. It seems that the Führer, while adopting towards Holland a similar attitude to that adopted by the Soviet to the Baltic States, now wishes to prepare his generals for a new plan.

This is of much interest to us, especially after the Führer's Munich speech, in which he admitted Germany was preparing for a five-years war—this being a public avowal of the failure of that "Blitzkrieg" by means of which he promised his people victory over the democracies in less than six months.

### IF AN OFFENSIVE FAILED

A few days ago, at a Council of War attended by the Führer, some Reichswehr chiefs and most of the Nazi Grand Council, General Reichenau spoke on "the capacity of Germany's resistance in case of failure of an offensive in the West," in the course of which the Führer several times expressed approval by voice and gesture.

Reichenau remarked that the discussion was taking place in the presence of the Führer himself and dignitaries of the regime and army, and was therefore absolutely official and authorised. Otherwise a discussion of this nature would necessarily be considered a manifestation of "high treason."

He declared, in the case of failure of a Western offensive, the situation would not be so desperate as certain Reich pessimists liked to say. Such failure, moreover, would be possible only if the Reich decided to launch a general attack in the West, which was not the case at present.

He pointed out that before this would take place industrial and agricultural reorganisation of the Reich would be completed, and the entire industrial system transferred from the left bank of the Rhine and exposed regions of the right bank to the well-protected hinterland—especially the north-east and south-east regions of the Reich.

Consequently if, starting next spring, the Reich evacuated the left bank—temporarily, of course—they could be absolutely certain the country's war economy would suffer no harm.

### PEACE—ON CONDITIONS

He went on to show how such evacuation could be carried out without weakening the country's capacity for resistance.

The German armies could withdraw to the other side of the Rhine and remain there on the defensive for years. Reichenau explained at length that such a defensive would lack all danger. This plan had been suggested by a group of German officers to Ludendorff in 1918, but the Kaiser had not dared to adopt it because the economic position thereby would have been greatly weakened.

Reichenau continued that if the German armies ever did carry out such a withdrawal it should not affect the position of the Nazi regime. With forces established in this defensive position the Nazi Government would accept peace only on condition that the Third Reich maintained the frontiers as existing in Autumn 1939, and also its Nazi regime.

The Führer agreed also when Reichenau stated that if such a withdrawal was carried out the chances of obtaining from the democracies a real "German peace" demanded by the Führer would continually increase.

### BOGEY OF BOLSHEVISM

For Reichenau harbours the illusion that the Allies, fearing for spread of Bolshevism and Russian military intervention with this aim, would be obliged to come to terms with the Führer, and agree to the maintenance of a strong German Army as a bulwark against Communism.

Reports of this discussion deeply impressed Nazi circles, for it is the first time the Führer has given his advisers to understand that he will probably not dare to launch a general attack on the Western front, but that he considers he can, while remaining on the defensive, obtain that German peace for which he has for so many years asked the Third Reich to make such great sacrifices.

One may presume, therefore, that if the Führer treats Holland as Stalin has treated Estonia, he will launch an air war against England while trying to effect a "moral conquest" of neutral countries.

He has just set up an organisation with a fund of £5,000,000 for distributing publicity to neutral countries.

Under the direction of Dr. Genssen, German publicity associations have been formed in various neutral capitals, and newspapers are offered large sums of money on condition that they modify their policy in favour of Germany.

But the Führer's new plan will fail as others have.



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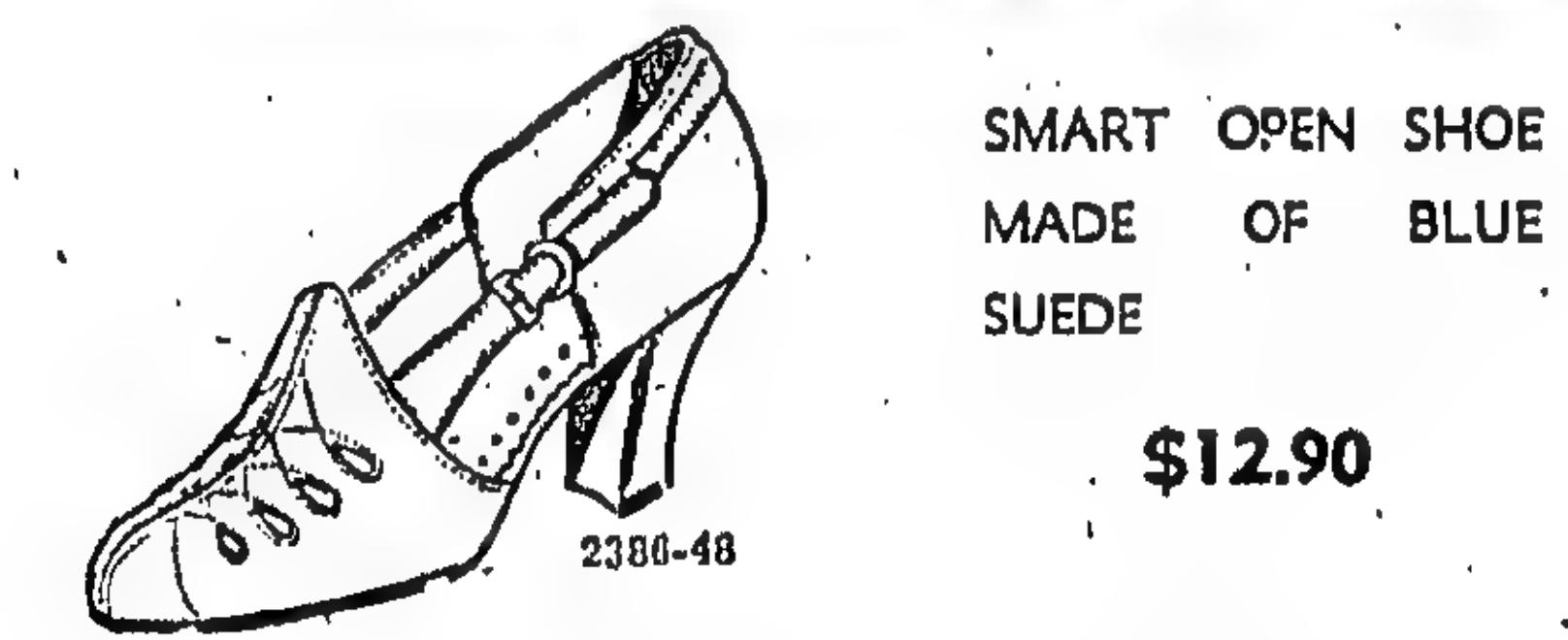
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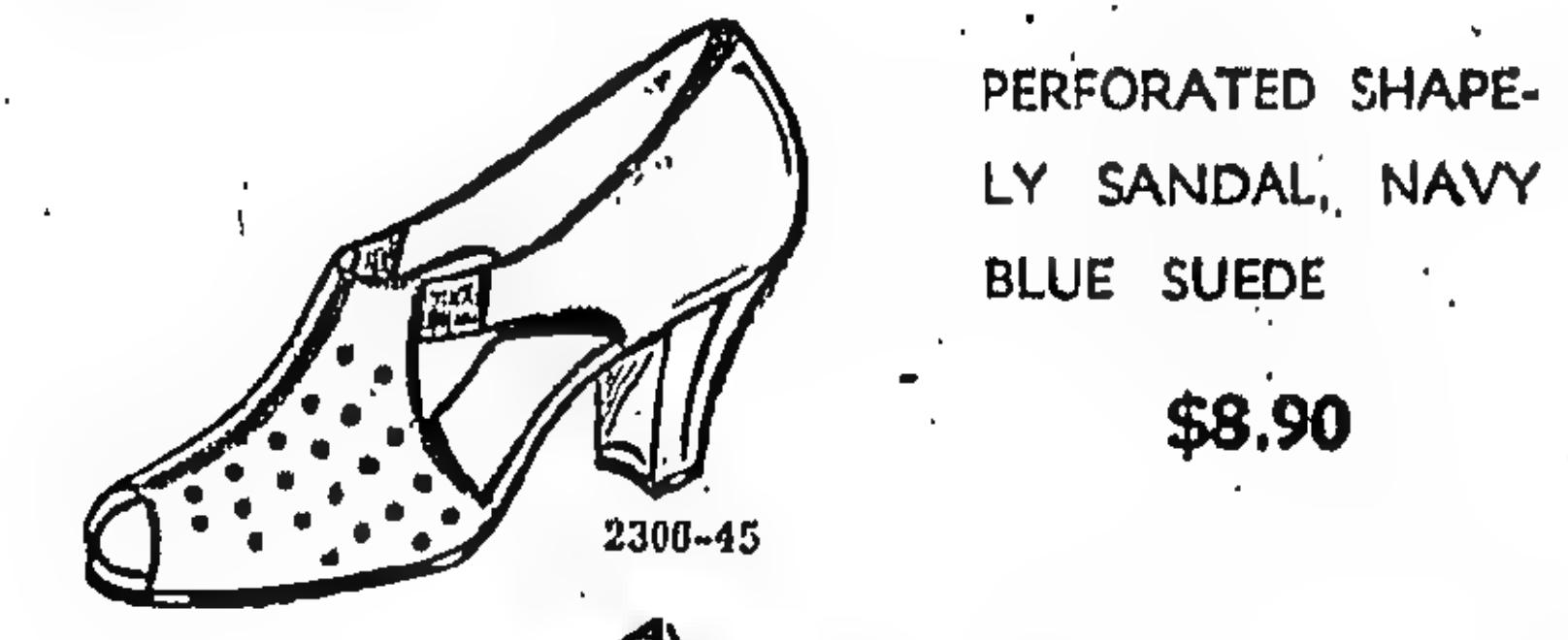
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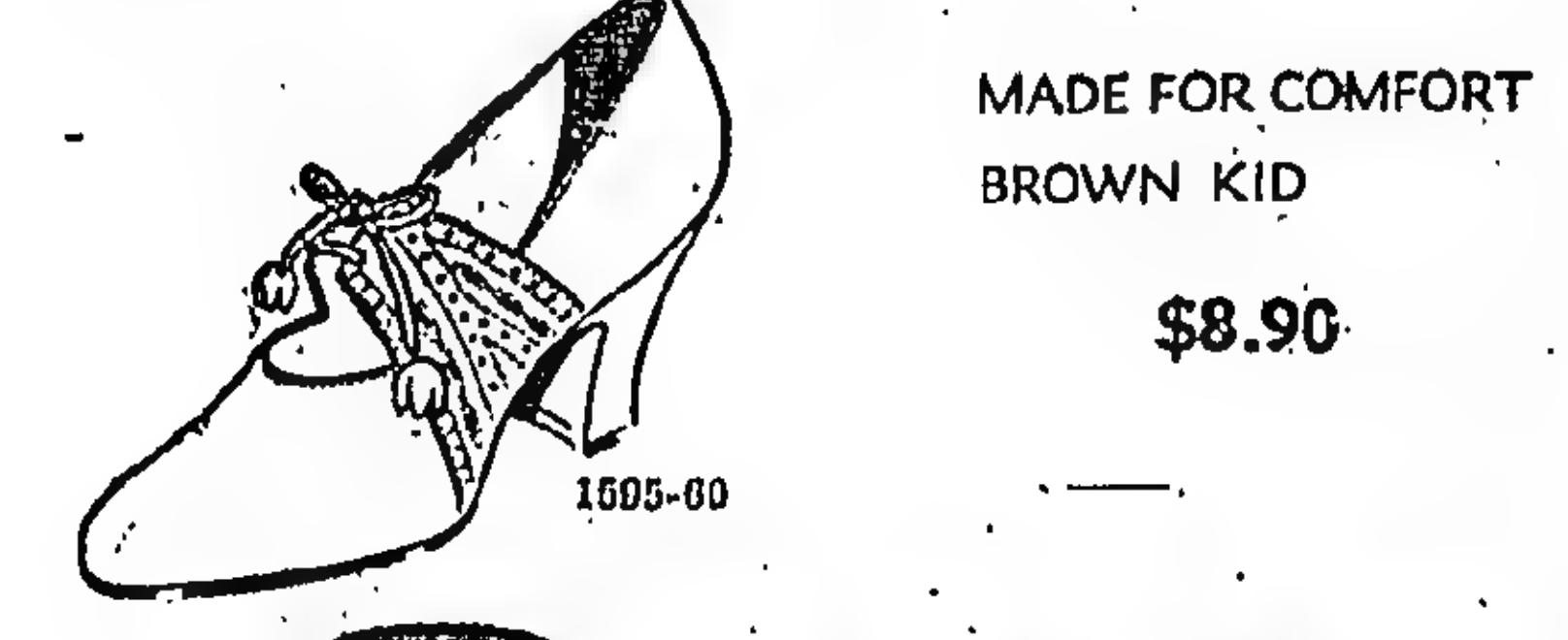
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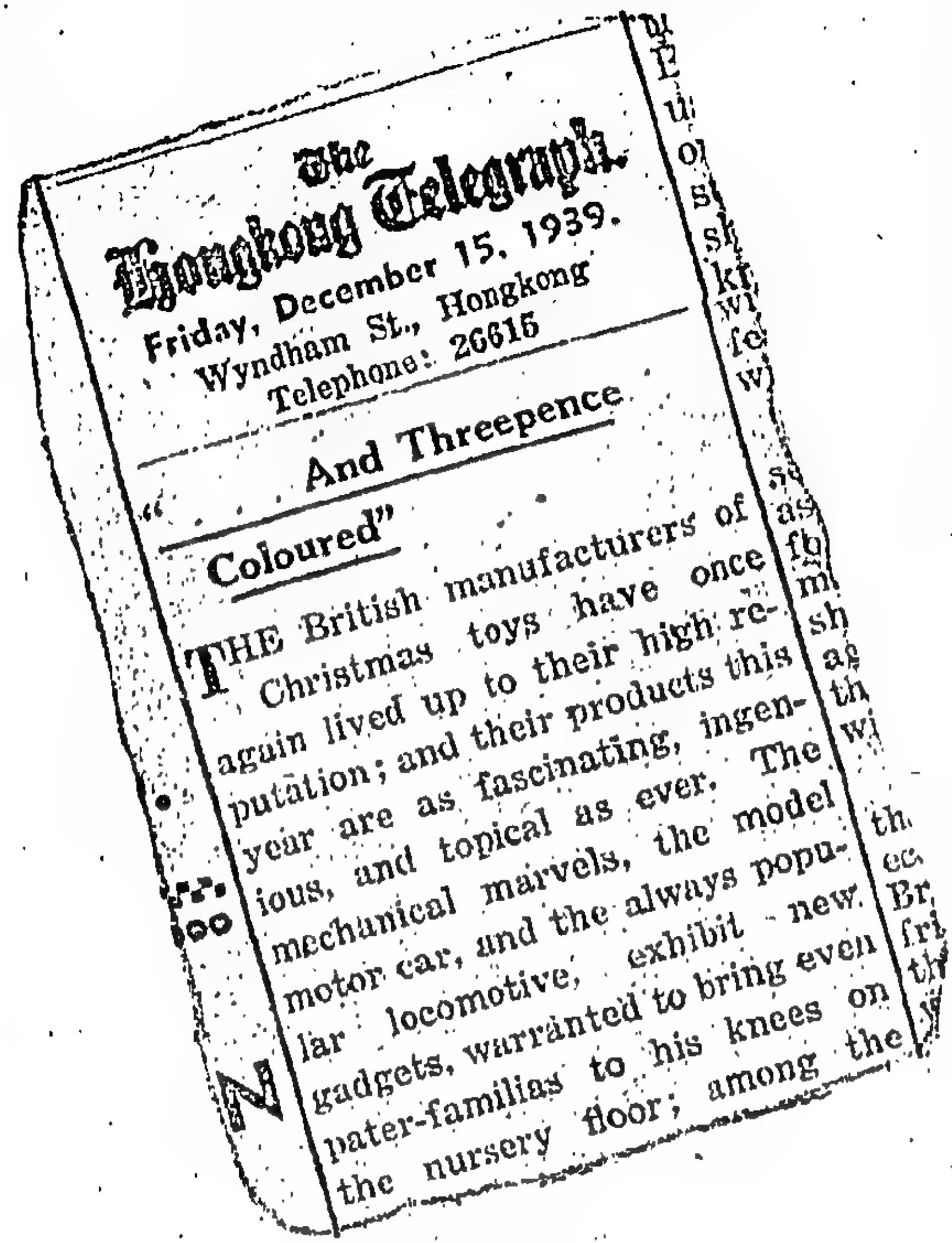


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## Industrial School

Hon. Mr. R. A. C. North  
Pays Visit To Aberdeen

The remarkable progress and achievements of the Aberdeen Industrial School during the past twelve months drew forth high praise from Hon. Mr. R. A. C. North, Secretary for Chinese Affairs, who is the chairman of the board of managers of the school, when he and Mrs. North paid a visit on Monday and inspected the various departments.

Mr. F. Flippance of the Botanical and Forestry Department was also present and the visitors were met at the school by Father Bernardine, the Principal, Father Salino and Brother Grimshaw.

Mr. and Mrs. North and the other visitors toured the various departments and workshops, and Mrs. North showed particular interest in the shop, where the boys are busy making toys for Hongkong retailers. The toys were rated as high in quality and craftsmanship as any which before the war had been imported from Japan and Europe.

An important function was the inauguration of the foundry, where the first piece of iron was smelted and the visitors were able to see the finished work before they left.

The theatre was also visited where the 200 boys were assembled. They gave the visitors a rousing reception and afterwards entertained with a gymnastic performance which was highly appreciated.

The school band under the direction of Brother Fontini also gave a performance.

Two speeches in Chinese and English were delivered by two of the pupils, and before he left, Mr. North expressed his thanks for the entertaining time spent, and his appreciation of the wonderful progress made by the school during the past twelve months.

**MR. LINDSAY LAFFORD**

Former Hongkong Organist  
Now at Princeton

Mr. Lindsay A. Lafford, former organist of St. John's Cathedral, has taken up his new post as Choir Director and Organist at Princeton University, U.S.A. He made quite an impression on his first Sunday in Chapel.

Commenting on the event the Princeton Alumni Weekly says—"Lindsay Lafford, formerly of Hereford Cathedral, England, who has been appointed to take the place of Professor Robert Hulslader as choir director and organist, started out his first Sunday in Chapel with a bang. Accustomed to the gentle and mellifluous improvisations of its former organist, the choir was startled on end when Mr. Lafford sounded forth some extra loud notes in the old English cathedral manner. For a few seconds there was no singing and even the drowsy underclassmen in the first few pews were aroused for a short time."

Mr. Lafford arrived in Hongkong in April, 1938 and left early in March, this year. He was very popular in Hongkong musical circles.

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## RESIDENTS BACK FROM TRIP TO SOUTH SEAS

London, Dec. 19.  
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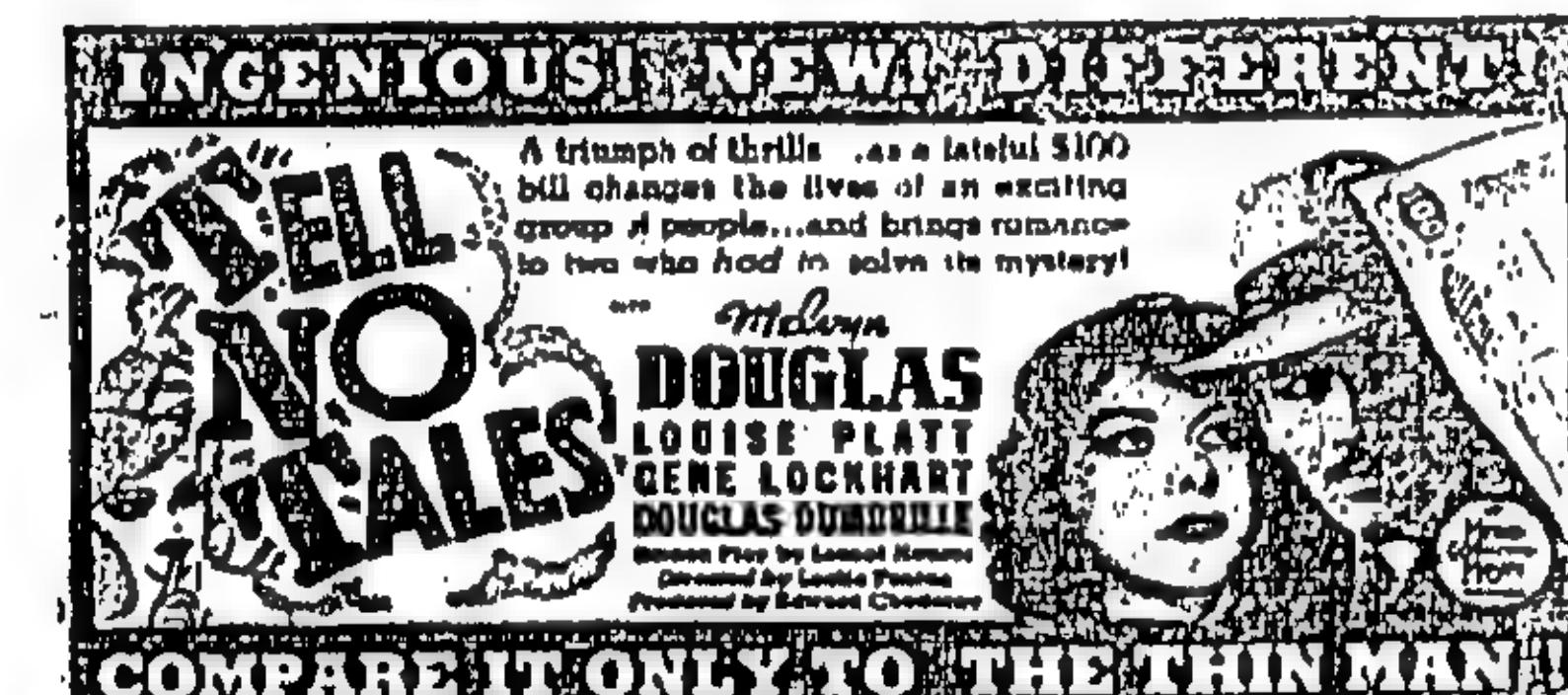
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## FRONT-LINE VISIT BY EMPIRE ENVOYS

Mechanical Diggers Seen At Work

## LORD GORT TALKS OF HIS TASK

War Zone Lectures By Corps Commanders

PARIS, Nov. 20. There is now no aspect of the work being performed by the British Army in the field with which the Ministers of the British Dominions who are visiting France are not fully familiar.

To-night they have completed two strenuous days of visits, talks and travel which enabled them to see for themselves a great part of the British front, to learn from the corps, divisional and brigade commanders the plans on which they are basing their preparations and to form their opinion on the work which has already been done by the B.E.F. since it took over its sector on the Allied front.

The political representatives of the Dominions are each accompanied by one senior military adviser. All are agreed that the work performed in a few short weeks is prodigious.

They are impressed by the spirit which animates the British Army, from the Commander-in-Chief, Gen. Viscount Gort; and the corps commanders down to the guardsmen and private soldiers whom they have seen engaged on digging, revetting, and generally developing the defensive system of pillboxes, forts and strong points taken over from the French.

### Liaison With the French

Yesterday the Dominions Ministers were received by Lord Gort, with whom they lunched before being given a full statement by the Commander-in-Chief on the nature of the task entrusted by Gen. Gamelin to the British forces.

Their later afternoon was spent in a visit to the headquarters of the British Army co-operation aircraft, where the commanding officer, with the aid of maps explained the precise functions of the air units under his control.

Before dinner there was a first meeting with the chief French Army liaison officer with G.H.Q. The French forces link up with the British at two points, and the Dominion representatives, straight from their inspiring talk with Gen. Gamelin and M. Daladier, were obviously well satisfied that this liaison is fully established.

On the morning of their departure from Paris the visitors had been roused from their beds before 5 a.m. by an air raid warning, and on arrival at G.H.Q. they were saluted by a second.

Last night the entire party dined with Lord Gort and several of his chief staff officers and remained talking until a late hour.

### Luncheon From Paper Bags

This morning was spent in the First Army Corps area after the Corps Commander, Lt.-Gen. Sir John Dill, in his headquarters, had given a brief lecture aided with maps.

A close inspection was made of a French pillbox while the divisional commander and his staff and brigadier commander explained the tactical basis on which these strong points and supporting defences have been planned.

Anti-tank obstacles sufficiently formidable to give an impressive sense of security were inspected at close quarters when a move was made to see guardmen and sappers, aided by mechanical diggers, completing other obstacles to the advance of a mechanised army over that country.

There followed a visit to a howitzer battery sited in a pleasant little orchard further concealed by artificial camouflage, after which another drive of some length brought the cavalcade to the rendezvous with the Second Corps Commander, Lt.-Gen. Alan F. Brooke.

Here a picnic meal was eaten by the roadside.

### Walk In Mud

Immediately after, the Second Corps Commander conducted his visitors to a high point and with the aid of maps pointed out the general scheme for the defence of his front.

The next divisional commander was met at the foot of a long, solid fort, to whose summit the party scrambled for a further interesting exhibition in the part which his troops will be expected to perform.

In the next two hours the entire party alternately walked and motored considerable distances, slipping and sliding through mud and slush to inspect at close quarters further natural and artificial tank obstacles, concrete forts and trench lines.

Warm tributes were paid to the work done in their sector by a battalion of Foot Guards, whose trenches and breast-works, constructed under conditions of no little difficulty owing to the state of ground and weather, had a thoroughly satisfactory look.

### Duke of Gloucester As Guide

The Dominions Ministers plied with questions all the officers with whom they came into contact. In their turn, senior commanders had questions to ask Mr. Eden, Dominions Secretary.

What finer opportunity could present for crossing the need-for-fur-

By A. J. McWhinney  
"Daily Herald" Naval Correspondent

FROM the rain-swept bridge of a mine-sweeper out at sea I have just watched speeding destroyers and anti-submarine patrols "on the hunt" after the U-boat.

Overhead, a flying-boat roared,

An enemy submarine had been detected overnight in certain waters towards which we were ordered.

Through the early morning mists our long line of minesweepers went out to drag the seas for any minefield the U-boat might have laid in the darkness.

"If anything goes wrong," a ship's officer warned me, "just grab a bolt and go over the side as fast as you can."

To the peril from exploding mines there was added the possibility of torpedo attack at any moment.

But the very able seamen I talked to on the lower decks are proud of the risks they are taking.

### Emergency Call

They told me how until this summer they were men of the trawler fishing fleet.

Till then they fished for food in peaceful waters. Now, every day, as men of the R.N.R., they scour the seas for danger.

Soon the ship's radio burbled out a rapid series of calls.

Out of the mist, to starboard, destroyers streaked past us at three times our speed.

The flying boat zoomed overhead.

An emergency call had gone out.

The destroyers were after a U-boat.

But the men of the mine-sweeping flotilla went steadily on with the job of searching for mines. Theirs is no job of spectacular speed.

### In Line Abreast

The sweepers in line abreast were linked together by wire hawsers, dragged through sea channels at varying depths to catch the mooring rope of any possible mines.

The towline strain tears the mine from its anchorage and sends it floating to the surface to be destroyed by gunfire.

From the flotilla flagship came a final instruction. We were to follow a certain course for solo sweeping.

The sweeps to be used looked like grey painted torpedoes.

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### Adventurous Ali

Below the surface wire ropes connect them to heavy "ties" like an outside in farm harness.

Mine sweeping is dangerous. It is full of adventure. There is no lack of volunteers.

The one thing the Germans want to know is where our mine-sweeping fleets are working—and how they're doing. That's why I can no longer reveal where we have been sweeping than I can give details of our "catch."

### POPULAR COUPLE MARRIED

AN interesting wedding was held at the Registry yesterday when Mr. William George Maycock married Miss Eva Helen Laing before Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith, Registrar.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. K. Laing, and sister of the well-known Dr. Douglas Laing. She wore a smart outfit of white sharkskin. Her silver veil was held in place by a coronet of orange blossoms. Candytuft composed her bouquet.

The bridesmaids were the Misses Constance Sully, Cissy Abbass and Gerrie Laing. Miss Sully wore orange taffeta trimmed with brown, and her brown veil was caught to her head by orange flowers. The other bridesmaids wore lavender taffeta with purple and blue ribbon bows. Lavender flowers held their blue veils in place. Each carried a posy of mixed flowers.

The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Maycock, and was educated at the Central British School. He is now a partner of Messrs. A. Dransfield &amp; Co., Manufacturers' Representatives and Importers and Exporters.

Mr. R. K. Laing gave his daughter away in marriage, and Mr. J. H. Maycock, Jr., attended his brother as best man.

After the ceremony reception followed by a dance, was held at the Gloucester Hotel.

When Mrs. Maycock left for the honeymoon, which is being spent at Repulse Bay, she wore an orange coloured dress with brown felt hat and accessories, and fur cape to match.

ther supplies from home in this or that direction? Mr. Eden, with some confidence, gave assurances that such things were on their way.

Throughout the day the party was accompanied by the Duke of Gloucester, who is now fully familiar with every inch of the British front and back areas.

Lord Gort, however, left to the respective Corps Commanders—the duties of the day and did not join the party until dinner-time.

After the long tour of the front the Dominions visitors were taken to a further meeting with the French in a neighbouring town of considerable importance, where tea and refreshments were taken with their French hosts.

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## Berlin Believes Aerial War On In Earnest

# NEW MASS AIR RAIDS ON GERMAN NAVAL BASES

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, DEC. 20 (UP).—QUICKLY FOLLOWING YESTERDAY'S ENCOUNTER, WHICH THE GERMAN AIR COMMAND DESCRIBES AS "THE GREATEST AIR BATTLE IN THE HISTORY OF AVIATION," BRITISH WARPLANES HAVE LAUNCHED NEW MASS ATTACKS ON THE NAZI NAVAL BASES.

Reports from Toender, one of the Jutlands, state that Royal Air Force planes thrice bombed the island of Sylt to-day.

Heavy bombs were rained on the naval bases at Rantum and Hoernum. German claims that the R.A.F. machines bombed the towns are officially denied in London.

Each raid lasted fifteen minutes.

The British bombers, which were not escorted by pursuit planes, appeared from the west, unloaded their bombs, and disappeared in a southerly direction.

Messerschmidt pursuit planes took off to give battle and the dog-fights continued as the planes disappeared from sight.

Apparently, all the British planes escaped unscathed.

Berlin still continues to make fantastic claims regarding yesterday's great battle, in which over a hundred planes participated.

The D.N.B. (Official German News Agency) claims that Britain's losses were "over 36 planes."

Lieut. Schumacher, commander of the German squadron involved in the fight, estimates that "his men" shot down 40 R.A.F. bombers.

### AIR WAR IN EARNEST

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 19 (Reuter).—The recent increase in air activities has prompted Berlin to believe that an air war is beginning in earnest.

Attempts will now be made by the German air force to show their capabilities in carrying out large-scale attacks, says the Berlin correspondent of the "Dagbladet."

Air force officials claim that German reconnaissance planes have obtained comprehensive aerial photographs both of Britain and France.

Attack On Nazi Base  
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".  
LONDON, Dec. 19 (UP).—Reports from Copenhagen state that another big air battle occurred to-day over a German naval base on the north-west German coast.

Apparently the Royal Air Force were again attempting to launch an attack on the island of Sylt.

However, neither Britain nor Germany has announced any important action although a Heinkel bomber was reported over the North Shetlands.

An R.A.F. pursuit plane took to the air in search of the raider, apparently without success.

No air raid alarm was sounded.

Planes Over Shetlands  
LONDON, Dec. 19 (Reuter).—German planes were reported off the Shetland Islands this afternoon.

R.A.F. fighters went up to give battle.

Nazis Admit Attack

LONDON, Dec. 19 (Reuter).—A German communiqué in Berlin claims that the R.A.F. made a raid on the northwest coast of Germany on Monday, trying to reach the Frisian Islands between 5.40 p.m. and 9.40 p.m.

In connection with the earlier raid in which the Air Ministry announced that 12 Messerschmidts were shot down and seven R.A.F. bombers had not been accounted for, a full account cannot be made until the reports of the British pilots participating in the raid have been collated.

One of our bomber formations went to attack enemy warships.

Fantastic Nazi Claims

The bombers found no warships but almost immediately were attacked by wave of enemy planes.

The Germans are still making exaggerated claims and giving the names of their own "amazing successes" they claim to have brought down more British planes than took part in the raid.

Four Airmen Rescued

LONDON, Dec. 19 (Reuter).—Four British airmen, who are believed to have taken part in Monday's big air raid battle, have been picked up at sea in a collapsible boat.

A Naval trawler landed them at an East Coast port.

Towns Not Bombed

LONDON, Dec. 20 (Reuter).—Air ministry announces that the German News Agency report that British aircraft yesterday bombed towns in the Island of Sylt is entirely false.

## Ragtime Navy Loses Its Biggest Battleship

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Dec. 20 (UP).—According to an "Exchange Telegraph" report from Helsingfors, Russia's rag-time navy has lost one of the only three battleships it possesses.

The 23,256-ton Oktiabrskaya-Revolta (October Revolution) has been sunk by Finnish gunfire, the message states.

The warship was sunk off Bjoerkoe.

There is no official confirmation, but Bjoerkoe reports tend to confirm the claim, as some of the crew of the Red battleship have come ashore in lifeboats.

Apparently, the Oktiabrskaya was attempting to pass the Bjoerkoe borderless without any intention of firing upon them.

The Finns, however, opened fire as soon as the warship came within range.

The Oktiabrskaya's armor was in no fit condition to withstand the heavy Finnish shells which inflicted such serious damage that the obsolete warship—she was first conceived in 1909 and was launched in 1911—was soon completely out of action.

Boat Of Poor Trio

The Oktiabrskaya-Revolta was, in Christ's day, the Gangut. She is a sister ship to the Soviet's only other PLEASE Turn To Page 4.

### FLEES TO SAFETY

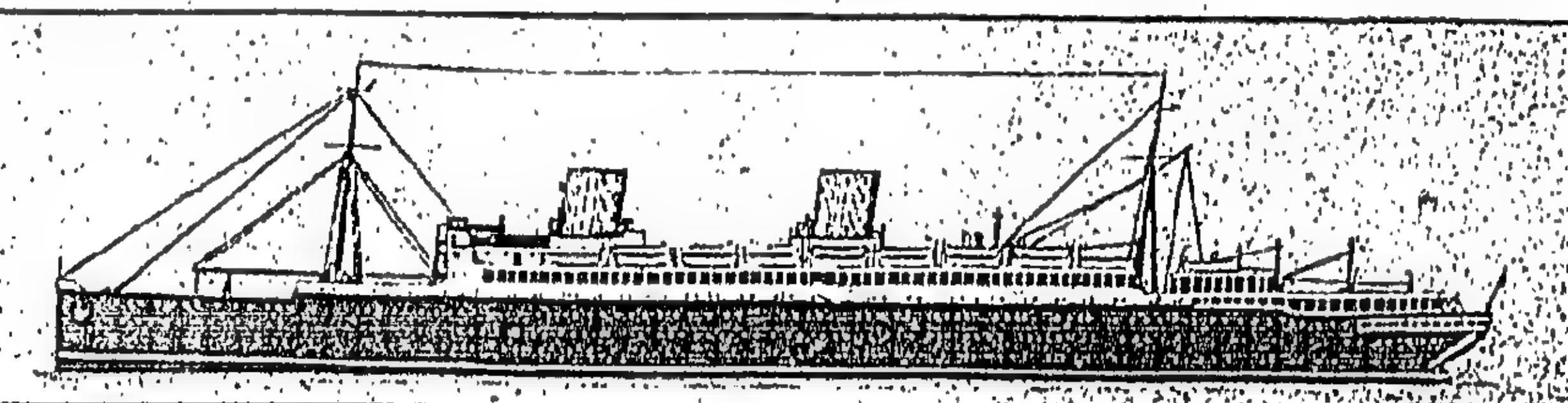
Another N.D.L. Liner Intercepted

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LAUDERDALE, Florida, Dec. 20 (UP).—Another N.D.L. liner, the 2,400-ton Arucas, was intercepted by a British warship to-day.

She escaped by entering American territorial limits.

Subsequently, when it became evident that the British warship would trail her until she left the 300-mile neutrality limit, the Arucas turned back and put into PLEASE Turn To Page 4.



THE 32,600 TON GERMAN LINER COLUMBUS  
(Six thousand tons bigger than the Empress of Japan)

### LUXEMBOURG CUSTOMS HOUSE HIT BY SHELL

LUXEMBOURG, Dec. 19 (Reuter).—The Customs House town of Remich on the south-east frontier was hit by a shell early to-day.

It did not explode but passed through a building, penetrated the roofs of two houses and fell in the market place.

An official enquiry is being held.

### SUN FO'S TALKS WITH CHURCHILL

CHUNGKING, Dec. 20 (Reuter).—Interesting details of the interviews which the President of the Legislative Yuan, Mr. Sun Fo, had with Mr. Winston Churchill, the First Lord of the British Admiralty, and Mr. Lloyd George, the veteran British politician, during his recent visit to Europe, are revealed in an article published by the "Central Daily News," the official organ of the Chinese Government.

Mr. Sun Fo is said to have declared that when he was in London, he listened-in to one of Mr. Churchill's broadcasts and was struck by the identity of his views to the statements made by General Chiang Kai-shek.

Opposition Policy Criticized

He called the next day to see Mr. Churchill and told him his impressions.

Mr. Sun Fo told the "Central Daily News" that "Mr. Churchill in reply said that the purpose of Britain's war with Germany was similar to China's war against Japan, both being for restoration against aggression."

Mr. Sun Fo said that both Mr. Churchill and Mr. Lloyd George criticized the British Government's policy during recent years, saying that the present European situation was a result of the policy of appeasement.

Relentless Pursuit

It appears that the destroyer intercepted the Columbus in the Gulf of Mexico, but made no attempt to halt her, merely following in her trail with the evident intention of halting the ship as soon as it left the 300-mile neutral zone.

The British destroyer dogged the Columbus to her doom. When the commander saw that it was hopeless to attempt to shake off his pursuer, he set fire to his ship.

The Columbus sailed from Vera Cruz on Thursday with a full cargo of petroleum oil. Her clearance papers indicated that she was en route to Oslo.

With five decks and capable of carrying 1,800 passengers, the Columbus was a smaller edition of the Bremen, upon which she was patterned. She was a sister ship of the old Columbus, which was seized in the Great War and became the White Star Line Homeric.

579 Survivors

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".  
BERLIN, Dec. 20 (UP).—An authoritative source states that the Columbus was scuttled between three and four hundred miles east of Cape Henry.

The U.S.S. Tuscaloosa has picked up 579 survivors. All the crew and officers appear to have been saved.

In Washington, U.S. Navy headquarters states that the ship was set afire by its crew in Latitude 39.3 north, Longitude 65.41° west, or 420 miles south of New York.

A broadside warning has been sent to ships warning that the Columbus and 22 of her lifeboats are still afloat and are a menace to navigation.

Before leaving the ship, the commandant of the Columbus turned to the crew and said: "Please Turn To Page 4."

### Third Biggest Nazi Liner Intercepted At Sea, Destroyed By Her Crew

## COLUMBUS AFIRE IN MID-ATLANTIC

NEW YORK, Dec. 19 (Reuter).—The 32,600-ton N.D.L. liner Columbus, third largest ship in the German mercantile marine—she is exceeded in size only by the 51,700-ton Bremen and the 49,000-ton Europa—has shared the fate of the Admiral Graf Spee.

The Columbus, intercepted by a British destroyer, was set afire in mid-Atlantic this morning by her crew.

She is still afloat, a mass of blazing flames.

American warships are at hand, ready to sink her by gunfire if she becomes a danger to navigation.

400 Of Crew Rescued

Four hundred of the crew have been rescued by the U.S.S. Tuscaloosa, which, in a radio report to the U.S. Navy, says she is proceeding to New York with the survivors.

An unidentified British destroyer is standing by the blazing liner.

At 11 o'clock E.S.T., the Columbus was still burning fiercely her huge cargo of petroleum sending the flames and a cloud of black smoke hundreds of yards into the sky.

There are no indications, says the radio report from the U.S.S. Tuscaloosa, of any un-neutral act on the part of the British warship.

The Columbus was set afire either by bomb or torch, just inside the 300-mile Neutral Zone set by the Declaration of Panama.

But at no time did the British warship use her guns or attempt to halt the big Nazi liner.

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SHANGHAI, Dec. 19 (UP).—Archer Dixon, the 21-year-old son of Mr. C. D. Dixon, manager of the Tientsin branch of Mackenzie & Company has telephoned to Shanghai from Montevideo revealing that he was one of the English prisoners aboard the Graf Spee.

The English ship upon which he was employed as a cabin boy was halted and sunk by the German raiders and he was taken prisoner.

Dixon was travelling from New Zealand to England to join up in the British Army.

### ALLIES TO AID FINNS AGAINST AGGRESSION

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".  
PARIS, Dec. 19 (UP).—The Allied Supreme War Council convened throughout this morning.

Subsequently, it was announced that the French Premier, M. Daladier, congratulated the British Navy on "its heroic victory" in the destruction of the Admiral Graf Spee.

It is reliably stated that the Council arrived at no decision with respect to the Russian invasion of Finland.

The Council is believed to have discussed a tentative list of urgent needs submitted by the Finns.

Finland is now preparing a complete list of her needs for submission to the Allies.

This list was requested by the Allies in fulfillment of the League's suggestion that other Powers should give all moral and material aid to the victim of Russian aggression.

### WESTERN FRONT

## 2,000,000 Germans Massed

### Nazis Concentrate 20 Divisions

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".  
PARIS, Dec. 19 (UP).—The 214th French official war communiqué states:

"There was marked activity and contacts between the elements throughout the day."

NAZIS MASSING

'LONDON, Dec. 19 (UP).—Behind the brusque official French communiqué to-day is a story of heavy Nazi concentrations.

According to the Special War Correspondent of the "Daily Telegraph," the German High Command has now massed between nineteen and twenty German corps along the Western Front.

Each corps numbers 10,000 men.

3,500,000 Allied and German troops are now massing each other behind the Maginot and Siegfried lines.

Lowlands Threatened

According to the "Daily Telegraph" correspondent, the Germans have massed their forces in the north, along the German frontiers with Belgium, Holland and Luxembourg.

If this report is correct it would indicate new tension of Rumanian oil and coal.

At one stage recently it was reported that a new agreement was within sight, but further complications ensued.

The failure of the negotiations is attributed to the rejection by Rumania of Germany's demands for a 25 per cent. increase in Rumanian exports to the Reich.

Germany claimed that Rumania's vast exports to Czechoslovakia before the absorption of that country should be added to the quota for the Greater Reich.

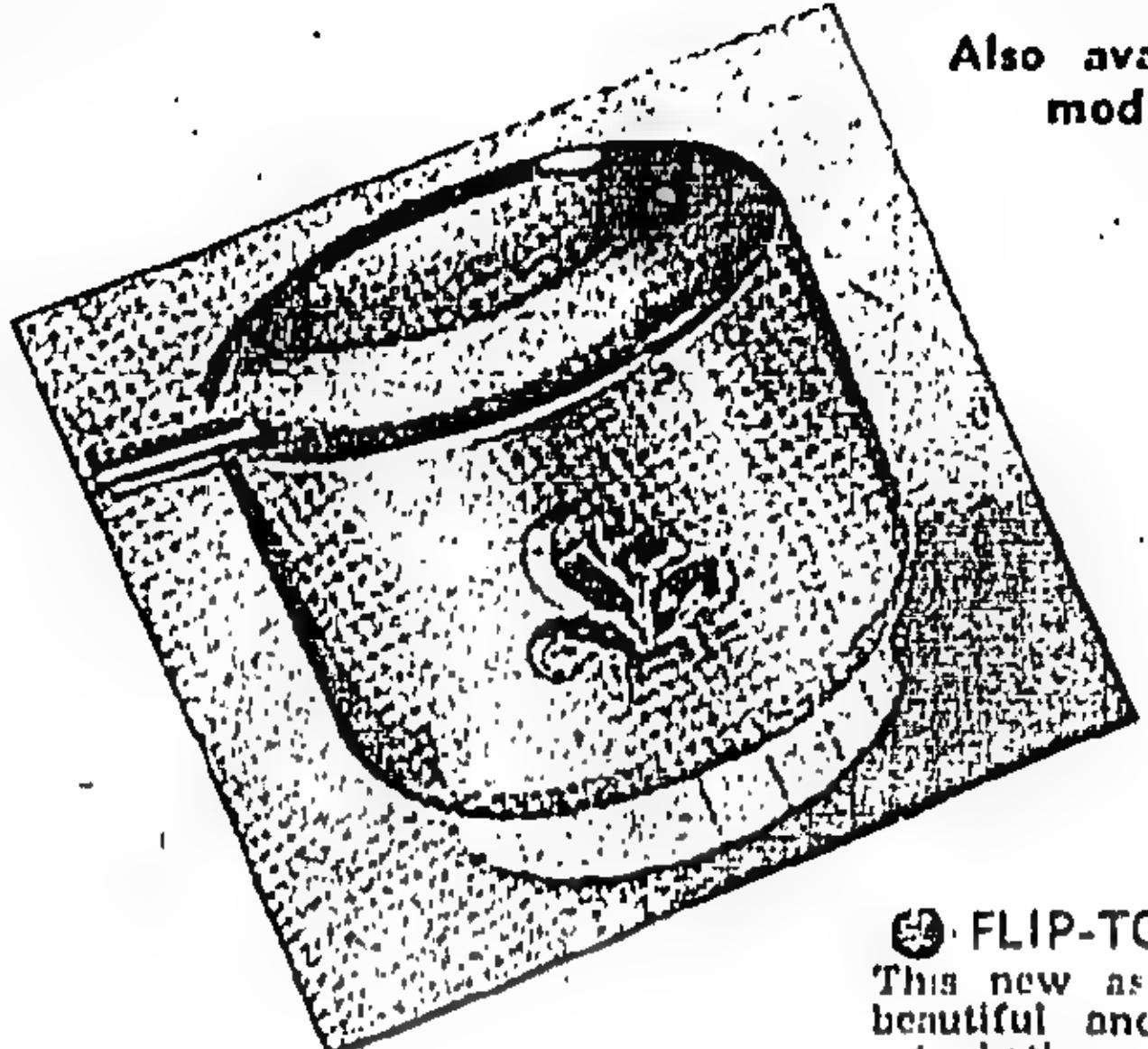
The German demand, it is understood, was rejected at

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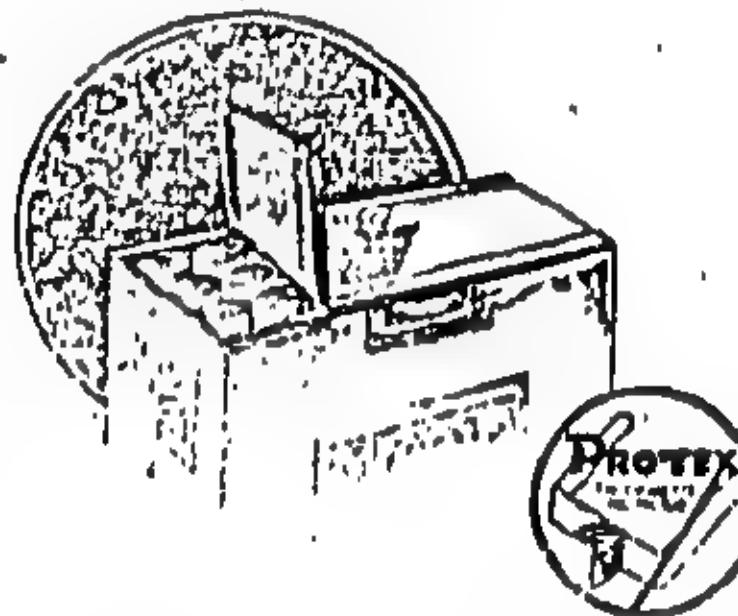
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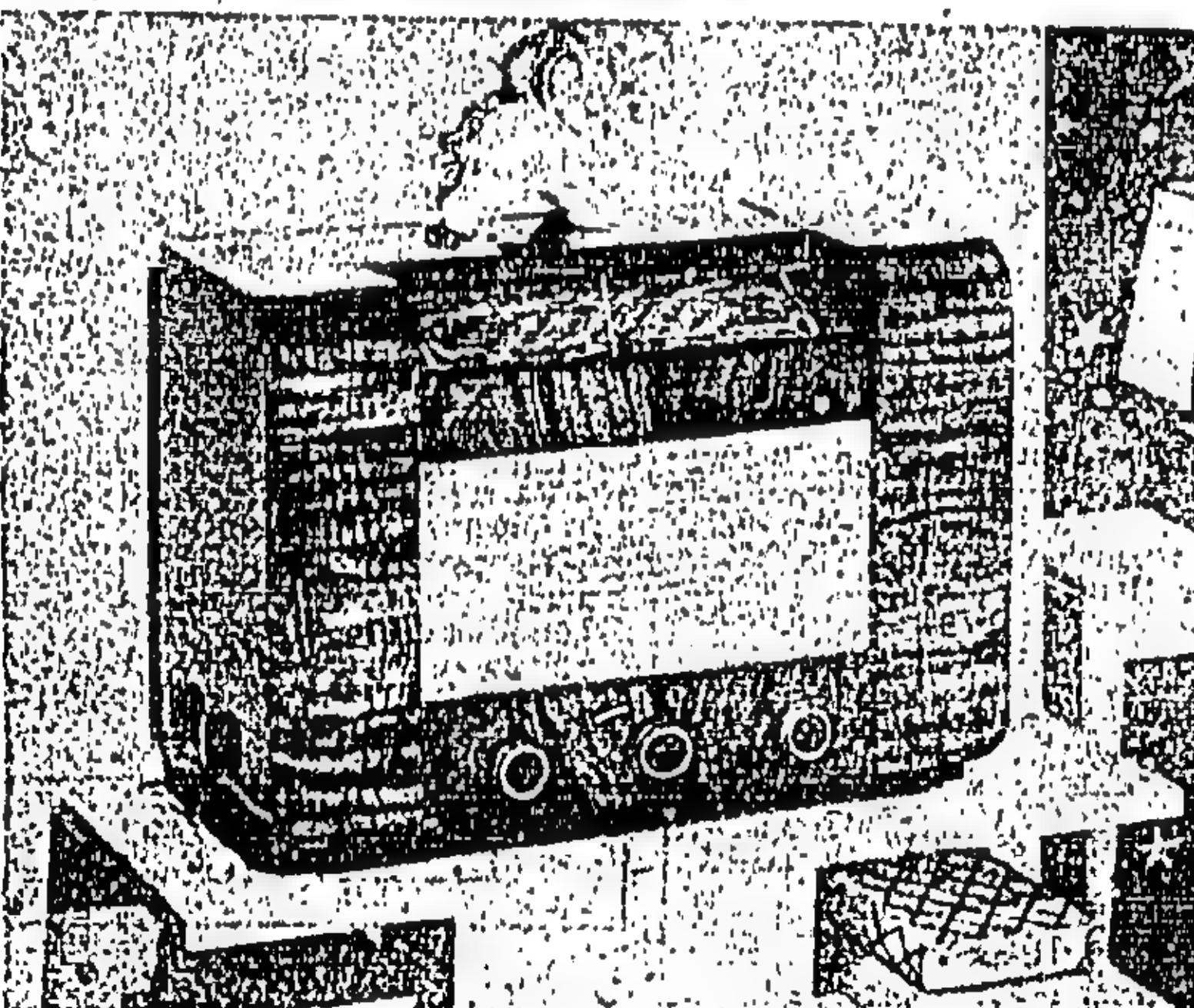
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## Black-out Murder

### REVENGE FOLLOWS THREAT TO SQUEAL

CHARLES EDWARD "CHICK" LAWRENCE, EAST END GANGSTER AND STOOL-PIGEON FOR SCOTLAND YARD, WHO WAS MURDERED IN LONDON'S FIRST BLACK-OUT KILLING, DIED BECAUSE HE TALKED TOO MUCH.

He threatened to give detailed information to the police about the new gambling rings which have sprung up in the back streets of the East End since the outbreak of war.

From the night he voiced his plan to a few associates he was a marked man.

Supt. Percy Worth, one of Yard's Big Five, ended eight days of inquiries recently.

He has discovered that Lawrence was in one of the biggest gambling casinos two nights before he was killed.

But he is still in the dark about the movements of the gangster during the vital hours just before he was found dead in a blacked-out courtyard in Spitalfields.

At every turn the police have met with sullen silence from witnesses who are afraid to speak.

A month ago there were 120 "social clubs" and former billiards saloons which permitted gambling in London's dockland.

There are 200 now.

The rucceur and dog-track gangsters who terrorised bookmakers in the early '20s with demands for "protection" money are back in business.

Lawrence worked with a gang of men who saw great possibilities in blackmailing the organisers of the racket. They hoped to offer "protection" to the more flourishing gambling clubs—and report to the police the owners who did not pay up.

#### Dangerous

Somebody who is promoting the playing of faro, two-pack rummy, and chemin de fer in the gambling dens decided that Lawrence was dangerous. So he died.

The post mortem examination showed that he had been drinking beer. But the police have been unable to discover anyone who wins in his company shortly before his death.

#### WOMAN WITH "ONLY YEAR TO LIVE"

Grimsby Fisherman Charged With Murdering Her

When Thomas Albert Cossey (42), a fisherman, of Burgess Street, Grimsby, was accused at Grimsby, recently, of the murder of Maud Stewart it was alleged that he was distressed at the woman's association with another man.

Mr. J. Robey, prosecuting, said that Stewart, who was separated from her husband, had lived with Cossey for some time. During his absence, prior to September 12, she became friendly with a fisherman, James Storr, and stayed with him at her son's house.

On September 12, Storr and the woman's son found both doors locked at Cossey's house. There was a smell of gas and a dressing table was seen pushed against the bedroom door.

Mr. Robey said that Cossey was resting against the wall near the gas bracket, which had been torn away. The woman was in bed with a ligature tied tightly round her neck.

#### "Give Me Some More Gas"

Cossey, who had wounds in both wrists, was alleged to have said to the police, "Why did you come so soon? Give me some more gas. She is dead. I wish I was too."

Mr. Robey added that a letter written by Cossey to the mother of the woman would show that he was very fond of Stewart, and was distressed by her association with the other man.

Dr. J. M. Webster, pathologist, said that the woman was suffering from cancer of the liver and would have probably died from that cause in twelve months. The cause of death was shock due to strangulation by the ligature.

A constable said that while they were persuading Cossey to leave, he said, "Let me kiss her again first," and he did so.

Later, Cossey, it was alleged, said, "Give me a knife and let me put it across my throat and let me go with her."

A letter to Mrs. Bratley, mother of the dead woman, written by Cossey,

was read. It said:—"She tells me she has found somebody over there that she loves better than me. I hope she is happy with him as I love her dearly. She is the best woman in the world to me. I am broken-hearted."

Cossey was committed for trial at Lincoln Assizes.

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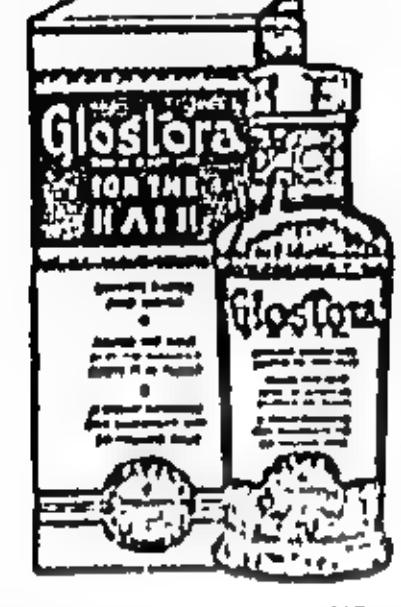
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## Women Shoppers and Girls Make Up Parties To Join the A.T.S.

### Liner Captain's Heroism

A 15-YEAR-OLD boy bugler told recently of the heroism of Captain V. C. P. Smalley, master of the liner *Yorkshire*, as his ship went down following a U-boat attack.

The bugler, John Alexander Taylor, was reunited with his widowed mother at his Liverpool home.

"I was on the bridge with the captain, two quartermasters, the commodore and my mate," said Taylor.

"The captain told us to get in the boats, and then he turned to us and said 'Get in boat and I will join you if it can be possible.'

"I don't think he had any intention of joining us," said Taylor.

Survivors of the *Yorkshire* were picked up by the United States vessel *Independence Hall*.

But Captain Smalley has been reported "missing."

"One of the most tragic things I remember," added Bugler Taylor, "was the sight of a mother and two daughters clinging to one another on the deck as the boat went down. They seemed too stunned and shocked to move."

### AIR PERIL AT SEA SLIGHT

By A Naval Correspondent

SUGGESTIONS that seaborne trade will soon be endangered by attacks from long-distance aircraft should not be taken too seriously.

Apart from the question of fuel endurance, it is difficult for aircraft to find a convoy in the broad Atlantic, especially if there is any low cloud or mist.

For many days convoys have been coming in regularly and without any sort of trouble, except that a merchantman was damaged by a mine. She was brought safely into port, and her cargo has since been discharged without harm.

The appearance of a surface raider on the South American trade route was a fairly regular feature of strafing exercises set at the Royal Naval Staff College before the war.

In no instance was a long life guaranteed to such a raider.

### DANCER WHO "JUST COULD NOT STAY STILL"

ALTHOUGH the War Office announcement of the scheme to double the Auxiliary Territorial Service was only made 24 hours before, hundreds of applications for enrolment were received at the Central London Recruiting Depot by first post the next day.

Before the staff could begin sorting them the rush of personal applications began.

Girls taking a few minutes off from their work, married women with their shopping baskets, parties from the suburbs came trooping along to Great Scotland Yard. Each was given a form to be filled in at home.

These selected will later be asked to attend for a personal interview and medical examination.

Sergeant's 'Don't Worry Ladies'

The recruiting sergeant was careful to impress on them that enrolment will mean submission to military instead of civil law.

"But don't worry, ladies," he added, with a grin. "Things that might get you five years under civil law mean only a five-bob fine in the Army."

ONE of the first to arrive was Miss Gertrude Sheffield, who saw four years' service as a V.A.D. in the last war.

"I see ex-Servicemen can join up to the age of 50, so I am hoping they will take me on again," she said.

With Dance Girls In Germany

Next to Miss Sheffield was a girl, who, at the time of the Munich crisis, was with a dancing troupe in Germany.

She is Miss Maude McNaughton of Brockley.

"It's exactly a year ago to-day since I got back from that trip," she said. "Since then I've been working in a cigarette kiosk, but I just can't sit still any longer and watch all the men and women going past in uniform."

Another young woman explained that she wished to join up because her husband is a regular soldier and he is going to France she wants to go too.

Recruiting began at 9.30 a.m. In the first half-hour there were 20



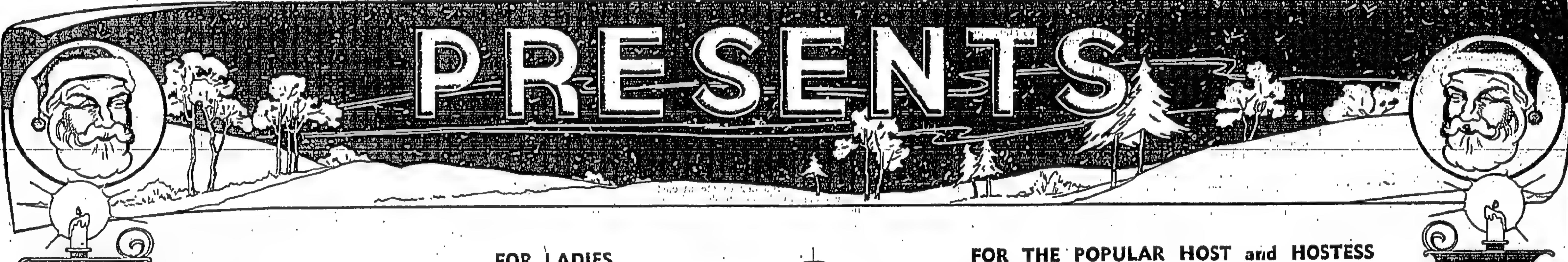
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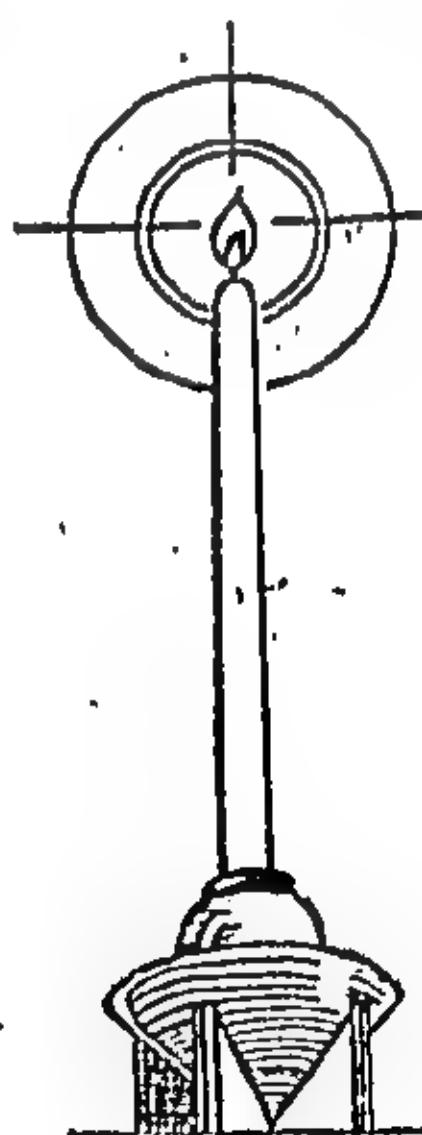


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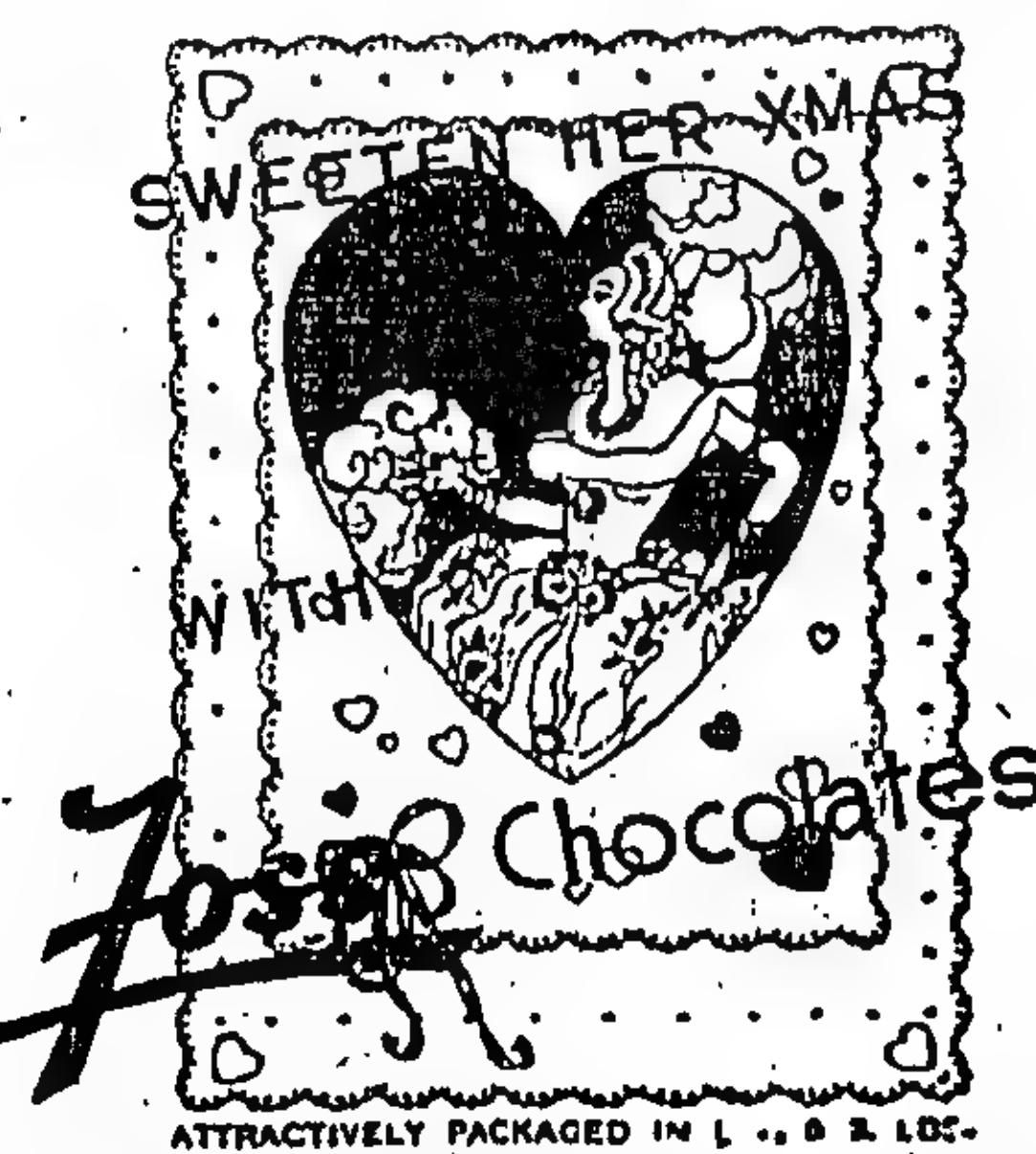
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**H.K. Stock  
Market**

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning.

BANKS	
H.K. Banks \$.	1,340 s.
H.K. Banks (Lon. Reg.) £.	£62 n.
H.K. Banks (H.K. Reg.) £.	£84 1/2 n.
Chartered £.	84 1/2 n.
Mercantile, A. & B. £.	20 1/2 n.
Mercantile, C. £.	11 1/2 n.
East Asia \$.	78 n.

**INSURANCES**

Canton \$.	210 n.
Union \$.	400 n.
China Underwriter \$.	1/4 n.
H.K. Fire \$.	100 n.

**SHIPPING**

Douglas \$.	71 1/4 b.
Siamboats \$.	11 n.
Indo-China P.S.	.00 n.
Indo-China D.S.	.00 n.
Shells (Beavers) \$.	01/3 n.
Waterboats \$.	8.10 n.

**DOCKS ETC.**

Wharves \$.	102 s.
Docks \$.	10.50/60 s.
Providents \$.	4.00 n.
New Eng. Sh.	10.80 n.
Sh. Docks Sh. \$.	105 n.

**MINING**

Kulin \$.	17- n.
Habu \$ ex. div.	10.10 n.
Venz. Gold \$.	.4 n.
H.K. Mines \$.	4cts n.

**LANDS**

Hotels \$.	5.15 s.
Lands \$.	.34 s.
Lands 4% Dec. \$.	100 n.
Siam Land Sh. \$.	10.70 n.
Humphreys \$.	.00 n.
H.K. Realities \$.	4.40 n.
Chinese Estates \$ ex. div.	101 n.

**UTILITIES**

Trams .	17 s.
Pink Trams (old) \$.	8 n.
Pink Trams (new) \$.	4 n.
Star Ferries \$.	.66 n.
Y. Ferries \$.	23 1/2 b.
China Lights (old) \$.	.05 b.
China Lights (new) \$.	.15 b.
H.K. Electrics \$.	.55 b.
Micro Electric \$.	18 1/2 b.
Sandakan Lights ex. div.	11.00 b.
Telephones (old) \$.	.25 b.
Telephones (new) \$.	8.75 b.
Traction \$.	18/3 n.
Traction (Pref.) \$.	18/9 n.

**INDUSTRIALS**

Cold Mucr. (Ord.) Sh. \$.	14.00 n.
Cold Mucr. (Pref.) Sh. \$.	13 n.
Cudon Legs \$.	.00 n.
Cements \$.	183 1/2 n.
H.K. Ropes \$.	.6 n.

**STORES, &c.**

Dairy Farms (old) \$.	203 b.
Dairy Farms (new) \$.	20.25 b.
Watson \$.	8.00 n.
Lane, Crawfords \$.	74 1/2 n.
Sincur \$.	1.80 n.
Wing On (H.K.) \$.	41 n.
Powell, Ltd. \$.	1 n.

**COTTON MILLS**

Ewo Sh. \$.	26 1/4 b.
Siam Cotton Sh. \$ ex. div.	102 b.
Zong Sing, Sh. \$.	42 n.
Wing On Textiles, Sh. \$.	48 1/2 n.
MISC.	

**H.K. ENTERTAINMENTS**

H.K. Entertainments \$.	6.00 b.
Constructions (old) \$.	1.75 b. & c.
Constructions (new) \$.	1 n.
Globe Piling \$.	.84 n.
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**MANILA SHARES**

Following are sales and b/d. prices:	
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Afternoon Morning	
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Akoko Gold .	.19 .19
Batong Bayan .	.15 B .15
Binay Co. .	.10 .10
Big Wedge .	.21 1/2 .22
Coco Grove .	.17 .17
Conn. Minet .	.0025 D .0025 D
Drummond .	.10 .11
East Mind. .	.11 .11
IXL .	.40 .40
Ipo Gold .	.14 .14
Jambulao Cons. .	.27 .27
Mambato Cons. .	.017 .017
Mind. Motherlode .	.054 .054
Min. North .	.16 .16
North Camarines .	.16 .16
Paracale Gumsus .	.19 .19
San Mauricio .	.10 .10
Saint Paul .	.16 B .16 B
Suyoc Cons. .	.14 .14
United Paracale .	.02 .02

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## Goering Orders High Seas Murder

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Dec. 19 (UP).—General Goering, Chief of the Nazi Air Force, is obeying his master's voice, as Admiral Raeder did before him.

Unrestricted warfare against British and neutral

shipping, which has already been carried out in defiance of International Law by the Nazi U-boats, will in future be applied by Goering's bombers.

Hitler has decreed merciless war on civilians at sea and, as applied by Goering's air force, it includes the machine-gunning of helpless people in lifeboats as they leave their sinking vessels.

Latest casualties to this form of mass murder are two British, a Norwegian, a Danish and an Italian steamer, as well as several small British fishing trawlers.

The 4,373-ton British steamer City of Kobe was mercilessly bombed and strafed by Nazi warplanes to sea.

New Phase Of Terrorism

The sinking of the Norwegian steamer Giltsfield (1,568 tons) and the British steamer City of Kobe (4,373 tons) to-day indicated a new phase of U-boat activity, both ships being torpedoed. Survivors of the City of Kobe said two days before they were sunk they had been bombed and strafed by German planes.

A third ship sunk to-day was the Danish steamer Jytte (1,877 tons) believedly by a mine. The Nazis apparently mixing mining and torpedoing tactics depending on the success of the Allied counter-measures.

Air Bombing Intensified

Intensification of the latest Nazi weapon of air bombing and strafing small surface craft is seen in the announcement that several fishing trawlers in the Firth of Forth area have been attacked, at least one being sunk and two others damaged.

From the Giltsfield, thirteen survivors have been landed, seven of whom are injured. Five of the crew were drowned.

From the Jytte two only have been landed and ten are missing.

From the City of Kobe eighteen survivors have been landed.

From the fishing trawler Etruria three were killed and one injured, while from the other trawler Active one is missing and the remainder of the crew have been rescued.

Ship Machine-Gunned

LONDON, Dec. 19 (Reuter).—German planes are again attacking defenceless British fishing craft, and to-day sank one, and injured three of the crew of a second.

Both were Grimsby trawlers.

A member of the crew of the first vessel said that bombs were first dropped on them and then the German aircraft machine-gunned the ship.

Three men in the forecastle were killed by a bomb and another was injured.

Aerial Torpedo Used

The cook is missing from the other trawler which was only a quarter of a mile away at the time.

The skipper reports that seven bombs were dropped. All of them missed.

An aerial torpedo was then fired and exploded under the trawler just as the crew were trying to launch their small boat.

U-Boat Victims Back In

England

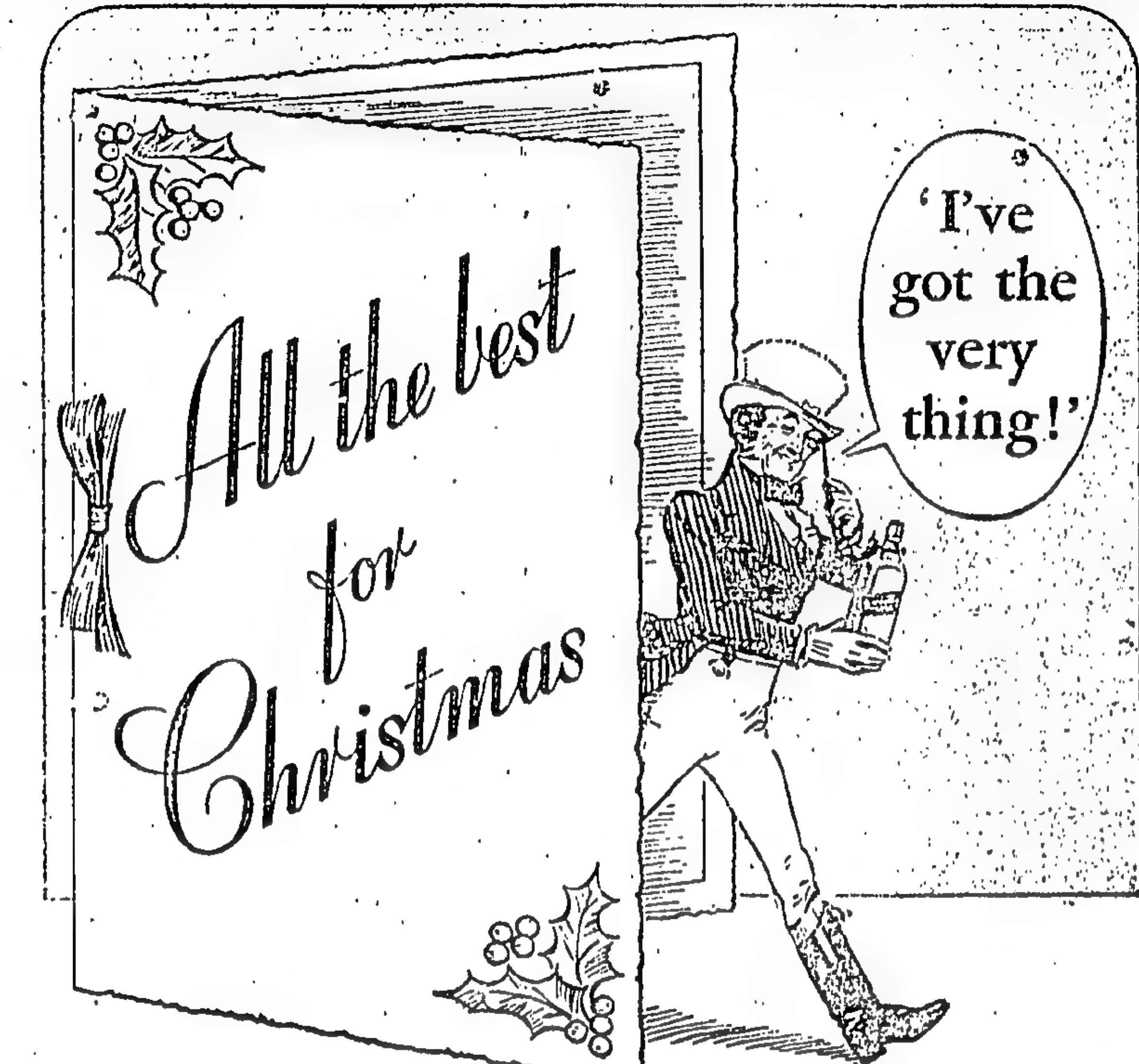
GENOA, Dec. 19 (Reuter).—The captain of the Italian cargo steamer Caterina Gerolimich, reported earlier here that he had landed at Dover 11 British sailors taken from a submarine in the English Channel.

The sailors, four of whom were wounded, were from a British steamer. During which was torpedoed by a U-boat. The submarine later put them aboard the Caterina Gerolimich.

Norwegians Rescued

LONDON, Dec. 19 (Reuter).—Thirteen survivors of the Norwegian steamer Giltsfield, 1,568 tons, were landed at a Scottish port.

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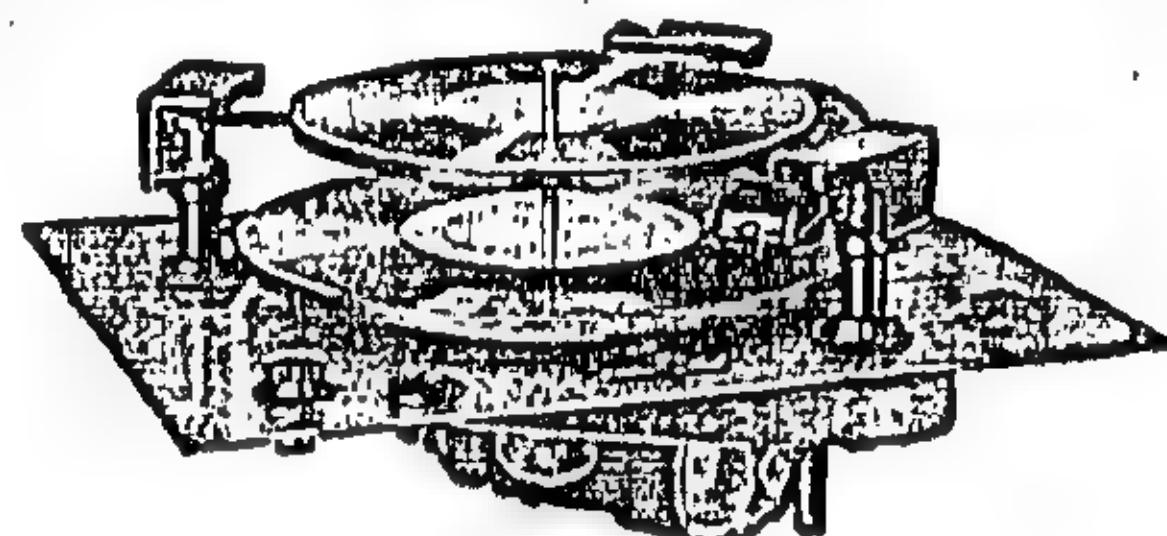
## CITY OFFICE IS RIFLED

A thief broke into Mayer and Company, Queen's Road Central, during Tuesday morning and stole cameras, fountain pens and propelling pencils valued at a total of \$200.40.

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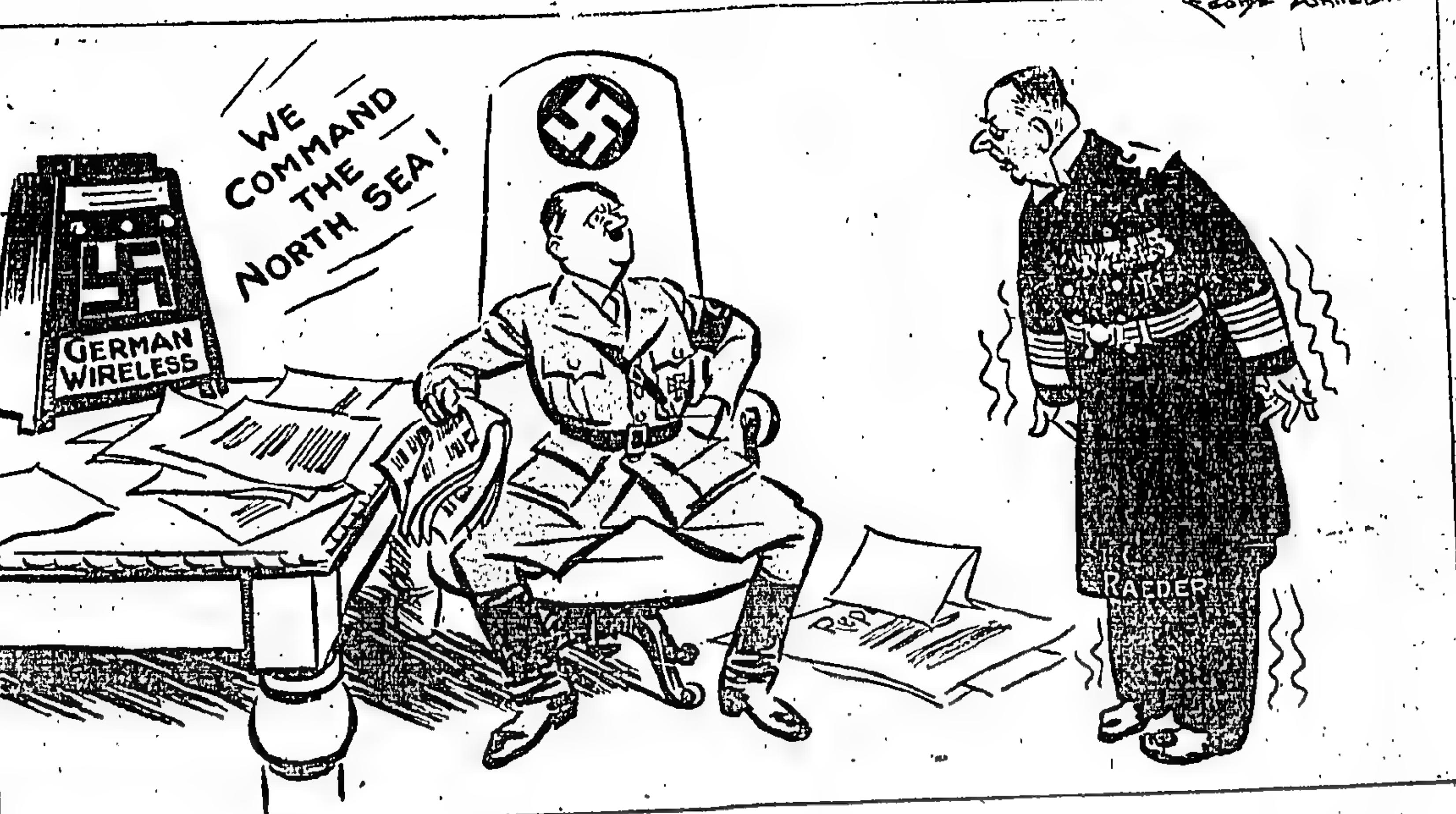
**Britain and Free Speech**

A day seldom passes in which some London newspaper does not complain of the burden of war-time officialdom restricting the freedom of British life. A reader of the London press, recently arrived in England, might come to the conclusion that Britain had ceased to be a democracy and was now governed by a dictatorial bureaucracy.

Yet if he asked himself how he had come to such a conclusion, he would surely think it significant that he had been led to it by reading the public press. Was there ever a purely authoritarian State which permitted such free discussion of grievances? Is there any mention in German press of the suppression of news or of the character of German propaganda? Is anyone in Germany, in print, or in public speech, permitted to criticise the administration or to suggest desirable reform?

It is remarkable evidence of Great Britain's retention of the democratic attitude that, though news about military matters and foreign policy is obstinately censored, there is no restraint whatsoever on general comment except that imposed by the critics on themselves. New orders and regulations are frankly discussed. Complaints against hardship are freely ventilated. The press is active in giving expression to what the people are thinking, and Members of Parliament are alert in asking questions in the House and extracting answers and explanations from Ministers, which in their turn, are reported in the papers.

The result is that public opinion, anxious to back up the Government in regard to all restrictions which are necessary in war, is exerting ceaseless pressure on it to remove abuses or rectify mistakes. Errors, of course, seem inevitable. The indispensable bureaucrat exceeds and will doubtless continue to exceed the justifiable limits of his far-reaching powers. But never beyond a certain point. The people are not silenced. The public will is not ignored. Great as are the sacrifices and the losses of freedom which war involves the democratic functions are still operative.



HITLER: "Where is the Admiral Graf Spee? Where is the Leipzig? Where are my beautiful U-Boats so many?"

**YOU MUST  
BE CAREFUL  
WHAT YOU  
SAY**... So I asked  
if they had  
ever read  
the story

I PICKED up my Bible and read in the second chapter of St. Luke:

"And she brought forth her firstborn son... and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn."

In those few words is contained the most significant story in the history of the world.

We are about to celebrate the 1,939th anniversary of the birth of Jesus of Nazareth in the stable at Bethlehem.

Age-long custom has made Christmas-time an occasion for rejoicing and good will among men. It is the feast of the Redeemer of Mankind.

And while we rejoice we might take pains to read again the story of the birth-of-Christ as recorded in the Holy Bible.

Do you read your Bible? A famous general declared recently that never a day passed without his reading a passage of either the Old or New Testament. The remark occasioned some astonishment, because for some reason or other soldiers and religion do not seem to go together, although in point of fact some of the most God-fearing men have been soldiers.

Every day before the House of Commons embarks on the questions and debates of the hour the Chaplain reads a passage from the 97th Psalm — "God be merciful to us and bless us; and cause His face to shine upon us."

And at the coronation of our Kings, the newly crowned Sovereign is given a Bible by the Primate with the words, "Our Gracious King, we present you with this Book, the most valuable thing that this world affords. Here is wisdom; this is the royal law; these are the lively oracles of God."

In Wormwood Scrubs In the course of the past few days I have spoken to many and various people of all sorts and conditions about the Bible.

There was a London man-about-town. He had lived a carefree life. He had been self-indulgent. One evening after a wild party he was arrested for a motoring offence and the courts sent him to Wormwood Scrubs for two months.

For the first week the only literature allowed in his cell was a copy of the Bible. "I open it at random but almost always I find some verses which arrest attention, which are helpful and of guidance. There is more philosophy in the Old Testament than in all the other books of the world together."

And a few other reactions, The porter at the block of flats where I live.

"I am a Spiritualist. I am aware of the after life. My belief has nothing to do with Christian teaching as such."

"But I read the Bible, because although porters are not supposed to have either imagination or much culture, I find it is the greatest reading in the world. Every story that has ever been told is to be found in much more exciting form in the Bible."

A Mother's Advice A SUNDAY school teacher:

"I am surprised at your question. Of course I read the Bible, and I make my class learn passages by heart because it is good for them."

"And I give them illustrated texts every Sunday for their scrapbooks so that they may always be reminded of what they ought to know."

"A labourer remaking the road close to where I live:

"I have no time to read the Bible, in fact, anything at all except the local results and the poor papers."

PLEASE Turn To Page 5.

# CHINESE VICTORIES IN HUPEH REPORTED

## BRITISH SAILOR FLOWN TO HONGKONG

WHEN one of the crew of a British gun-boat up the Yangtse became seriously ill, Surgeon Commander C. B. Nicholson of the Royal Naval Hospital at Hongkong flew to Chungking to supervise treatment.

With his patient Stoker Harry Ruble, the naval doctor returned by C.N.A.C. plane at 11 o'clock last night to Kai Tak airport where a naval ambulance was waiting to rush the patient to the Naval Hospital.

## JAPANESE ATTACK THROWN BACK

CONSIDERABLE fighting took place in the province of Hupeh yesterday, according to "Central News" messages received this morning.

It is claimed that the Chinese occupied Kwangshui and Hwayuan on the Peiping-Hankow Railway, and that other Chinese units are approaching Suihsien and Anlu in the north-east.

Tungcheng, a Japanese base of operations in South Hupeh, is said to be surrounded on the east, west and south. Fighting is in progress in the outskirts.

Part of the Chinese who recently recaptured Taungyang, sallied forth in three directions, one column sweeping down upon Kweilowishui and driving the Japanese out. A second column pushed northward and broke into Chungfowpu on the Canton-Hankow railway, 18 miles south-west of Shennan.

In Central Hupeh, fighting on the Kingshau-Chungting highway has increased in severity. Throughout yesterday, artillery boomed on the whole front.

Over 1,000 Japanese at Huangchialing, it is stated, were badly beaten, suffering some 200 casualties.

**Japanese Defeated**

On the Hankow-Jehang highway, the Japanese launched a counter-attack near Hsingchihwan with the support of aircraft and artillery, but were thrown back after a desperate combat.

Using tanks as spearheads, over 3,000 Japanese attempted to drive a wedge into the Chinese positions at Tsojanwan on the north side of the bend of the Han River. They were defeated and several tanks were captured.

In Shensi, the Chinese are counter-attacking at Changtse and Tuntliu, two Japanese strongholds. They have recaptured several points in the Changtse suburbs and are now pushing towards the town.

On the Tuntliu sector, they have recovered Paochiencen.

**The Kwangsi Front**

On the Kwangsi front, it is stated that Chinese troops have continued to push back the Japanese on the Nanning-Pinyang and Nanning-Wumeng highways.

On the Nanning-Pinyang highway, they have advanced as far as Lutang and Wutang approximately 20 miles north-east of Nanning.

Four truckloads of Japanese reinforcements were intercepted and surrounded at Liutan yesterday morning. Owing to the destruction of the highways and bridges, they were unable to proceed or retreat.

On the Nanning-Wumeng highway, the Chinese once again recaptured Kuoengkang, 14 miles north of Nanning, on Monday. In doing so, the Chinese troops defeated 1,000 Japanese.

## U.S. DEFENDS URUGUAY

### Correct Behaviour Over Graf Spee

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

NEW YORK, Dec. 19 (Reuter).—The New York "Herald Tribune" declares that Uruguay's action in fulfilment of her neutral duties would seem to have been entirely correct.

As to the status of the celebrated neutral zone, perhaps the less said the better.

The effect of establishing such a zone in reality would simply be to make the American coast's easy and impregnable bases from which German raiders could operate at will.

To present Germany with so overwhelming an advantage would be a strange form of neutrality and a singularly poor way of staying out of the embroilments of the war.

**Berlin Claim Ridiculed**

The Berlin claim that Germany commands the North Sea and even supreme in the waters surrounding the British Isles is Dr. Goebbels' moonshine, the "Herald Tribune" adds.

Such bluster is obviously designed to bolster the fading morale of Germany, which is progressively and dangerously running short of food-stuffs, raw materials and vital shrews-like oil for Hitler's mechanised war machine.

## STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary issued yesterday says: Surface appearances would indicate an easier feeling in the market, particularly as the list does not contain a plethora of buying prices. But as usual it is found that enquiries even of a modest kind, elicit the fact that it is difficult to acquire.

**Buyers**

H.K. Bank	\$1,385
Union Insurances	\$400
Humphreys	\$7,80
Star Ferries	\$60
Yatman Ferries	\$23½
China Lights (Old)	\$105
China Lights (New)	\$5
Electrics	\$53
Telephones (New)	\$8½
Cements	\$10½
Dairy Farms (Old)	\$21
Dairy Farms (New)	\$20½
Entertainments	\$6,60
Constructions (Old)	\$134

**Sellers**

H.K. Bank	\$5,15
Telephones (Old)	\$25½
Cements	\$10½
Watsons	\$9,80

**Sales**

H.K. Bank	\$1,350
Humphreys	\$9
Tramways	\$17
Electrics	\$24½
Watsons	\$9,85
Constructions (Old)	\$1½

**Handbag With \$324 Stolen**

HELSINKI, Dec. 19 (Reuter).—A sensation has been caused in the capital by the arrest of a man said to be a German spy.

The man was arrested in one of the city's leading hotels. He was employed there as a porter.

He is charged with engaging in espionage on behalf of the Reich.

## Three Typhoons Buffet H.K. Ship BAROMETER TOUCHES NEW LOW RECORD FOR CHINA SEA

Being clear of the war zone did not free a Norwegian ship, which arrived in Hongkong this morning, from anxiety. In her crossing from San Francisco she had to punch her way through three typhoons and a heavy monsoon.

Captain L. Langefoss, who is in command of the vessel, said that the ship arrived in Manila four days late and was still well behind schedule.

"We had violent weather on the whole crossing," he related. "Between San Francisco and Manila we encountered three typhoons, the last one two days out from Manila when the wind reached 85 miles an hour. Our limited passenger space was fully booked to Manila, but the passengers were all good sailors and were very brave about it."

The Norwegian suffered a great deal of superficial damage to her deck works and slight leaks were sprung in the decking. "However," declared the Captain, "we came out of it much better than a Barber-Wilhelmsen ship, which was following close in our wake on her way to Hongkong."

### Barometer Reads 27.95

"She was caught right in the centre of our last typhoon and arrived in Manila with her deck works terribly battered. I learnt that she had recorded the incredibly low barometer reading of 27.95 inches—the lowest those on the ship had ever heard of. Cars lashed to her deck had received an awful pounding."

From inquiries at the Royal Observatory it was learnt that 27.95 is a much lower barometric reading than has ever been recorded in Hongkong.

Captain Langefoss added that there was a report of yet another typhoon pursuing him when his ship left Manila. Pushing into a heavy monsoon, he had no hope of outstripping it and he was relieved to learn that it had veered away.

### Worst Voyage Ever

Mrs. F. A. Petrie, who is here for a seven monthly stay with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. F. A. Howard, of the Chase Bank, was the only passenger in Hongkong.

"It was the worst voyage I have ever had—by far," she declared. "However, Captain Langefoss proved a good navigator and the crew gave us all possible care."

## Postman Faces Grave Charge

### Alleged Larceny Of Letters

A Chinese postman who is alleged to have stolen letters from his mail bag between August 3 and December 14, appeared before Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen at the Kowloon Magistrate this morning and was remanded on bail of \$500 for one week.

Applying for bail to be fixed at \$500, Det.-Supt. Shaw referred to L. King-fai, the accused, and said: "This man is a postman employed by the Government and from August up to now, it is alleged that there has been a continuous theft of letters. This has now been discovered."

## Holland Subscribes For Defence

THE HAGUE, Dec. 19 (Reuter).—The Prime Minister, Dr. de Geer, announced that almost 100,000,000 guilders, have been subscribed by the public to the Netherlands Defence Loan, issued yesterday, in addition to 60,000,000 guilders subscribed by the public corporations.

### To Visit Pope

ROME, Dec. 19 (Reuter).—King Victor Emanuel and Queen Helen will make their first visit to Pope Plus XII on Thursday.

It is expected that the occasion will be marked by an exchange of addresses between the Pontiff and the King.

HELSINKI, Dec. 19 (Reuter).—A sensation has been caused in the capital by the arrest of a man said to be a German spy.

The man was arrested in one of the city's leading hotels. He was employed there as a porter.

He is charged with engaging in espionage on behalf of the Reich.

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## Around The Courses

# NOVEL MATCH TO AID RED CROSS

## Mrs. Kew Wins Country Club Ladies' Cup By Last Putt Of Match

(By "Birdie")

**GOLF HAS SEEN SEVERAL** novel contests, and quite a few were played during the last great war, but the latest one has arisen out of a desire on the part of Joe Davis, world snooker champion, to raise money for the British Red Cross. He has offered to meet Henry Cotton in a series of golf and snooker matches.

All that Davis wants from Cotton is a stroke a hole, and he, in turn, offers the golfer six blacks start at snooker. Cotton is interested, and though of the opinion that no handicap at snooker could be high enough for him, is willing to meet Davis in both games—provided Davis gives him some lessons at snooker first!

At the start of the last war in 1914, J. N. Farrar, a native of Hoylake, took a 10-1 bet that he could not go round the Royalton Course under 100 strokes fully equipped in full infantry marching order, water bottle, full field kit and haversack. He won by going round in 94.

Several golfers, including professionals, later tried this feat, and failed.

**O**NE of the greatest handicaps there is in golf is the mental handicap, I read somewhere recently of a "rank" match that was based on this factor. A low single-figure handicap player paired up with a poorer golfer, and before the match offered the usual handicap of strokes difference. This was refused, and the suggestion put forward by the second man that he be allowed the privilege of saying "boo" at any three times during the round, and there would be no stroke added.

This was agreed to, and the "psychologist" won quite comfortably—and with two "boos" in hand!

**A DIFFERENT kind of handicap is** at a distance allowance. At Littlehampton in 1924, Harry Rowntree, an amateur, played the better ball of Edward May and George Duncan, and received an allowance of 100 yards to use as he required during the round.

Rowntree won by 6 and 5, having used only 90 yards two feet of his allowance. At one hole Duncan took two, and Rowntree, who was 25 yards short, took that off his handicap to hold out in one.

May afterwards declared that if he were given one-yard-handicap-per-round he would win every championship in the world. And it is quite feasible when one considers how many puts stop an inch or two from the hole, or how much difference is between a bunker and the fairway by a matter of an inch or two.

**ONE of the closest matches that** has ever been played in the Ladies Cup competition at the Country Club, Shunghshui, was the final between Mrs. A. J. Kew and Miss A. Sequela last Sunday. Mrs. Kew won on the last putt.

The first round ended all square, Mrs. Kew having gone round in 47 and Miss Sequela in 46. The second nine were completed in 45 and 46 respectively, and actually, in strokes they were equal—42 each.

On the last hole, Miss Sequela had the misfortune to land on the edge of a penalty ditch through making allowance for the wind which failed at the wrong moment. Without a foothold, she had to chip on to the fairway, and reach the green in three. It was that chip

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### H. K. C. C. Teams To Play Recreio

The following teams will represent Hongkong Cricket Club against Recreio on Saturday:

Firsts (away)—T. A. Pearce (Capt.), D. S. Carey, G. P. Charlton, D. G. Day, A. H. Finnie, J. H. Fox, D. Gilligan, T. L. H. Jones, J. E. H. Riley, J. E. Pearce, L. T. Ride.

Seconds (home)—E. J. R. Mitchell, G. W. E. Bishop, H. J. D. Lowe, T. Macleod, A. K. Mackenzie, D. O. Parsons, R. S. W. Paterson, J. E. Potter, D. S. Robb, W. Stoker, T. M. Miller.



### SPORTSMEN IN TRAINING



Bert Sproson (Manchester City), Willie Cook (Everton), Eddie Watts (Surrey C.C.) and Gordon Gunson (Liverpool) under instruction of Sgt. Instructor Ted Harper (Blackburn). These are some of the many cricketers and footballers in England who are busy taking a course in the Physical Training Branch of the Army.

### Scotland's XI To Meet England On Dec. 26

Scotland's team to meet in the Sunday Herald Charity Cup on the Football Club ground on Tuesday at 3.30 p.m. was selected yesterday. Players are to report to Mr. W. Pryde, manager, in the dressing room at 3 p.m. Uniforms, shorts and stockings will be supplied.

The team is—Duncan (Scots); A. Bone (Club), Blackburn, Captain, Clarke (Scots); McEwen (Club), Williamson (Kowloon), Clarke (Scots); Munro (Scots), Pryde (Club), Mossack (Scots), Ferrier (Police), Tait (Middlesex), Reserves, Dignan (Sims), Birrell (Engineers), Gibb (Scots).

that cost her the match. Mrs. Kew won the hole with 6.

**O**NE cannot hesitate to congratulate J. T. Smith on his third big win in the Colony. F. D. Hunter's anticipated challenge in the R.H.K.G.C. Championship did not materialise, and little wonder in view of Smith's winning score. Hunter improved six strokes in the afternoon on his morning round of 80. Smith went round in the morning in 72, but bettered that in the afternoon with a 69.

On greens that were very true, Smith was deadly accurate. At the 12th, in both rounds he sank 2's, while nine of his other holes were 3's.

It seems that as long as the champion remains in Hongkong, he will remain champion (on present form).

**T**WO close games were seen in the first round of the Country Club Junior Championship. The complete results were:

A. G. Bolcho beat L. Roza Pereira 4 and 3.

A. R. de Pinna beat R. E. Lee 2 up.

S. V. Gittins beat M. F. de Pinna 1 up.

H. R. de Pinna beat W. G. Williams on the 20th.

W. C. Hung beat A. Alvarez 8 and 6.

C. Kow beat A. Gutierrez 5 and 4.

Geo. Lee beat C. Roza Pereira 7 and 6.

Gittins beat Pinna on the last putt, while, as can be seen, Pinna and Williams went to the 20th green.

The second round will be played off during the Christmas Holidays.

E. SADICK (78) and C. Kew (82) qualified for the Captain's Cup competition on Sunday last.

### Middleweight Title

## Lee Shows Considerably More Punch Power Than Ceferino Garcia

Ceferino Garcia, world's middleweight champion, may be rated the hardest middleweight puncher in the world to-day, but it was Glen Lee, the American title contender, who displayed the punching power in training, states the Manila Bulletin. Demonstrating the vicious mauling that enabled him to score victories over the leading middleweights in the world, including Garcia, Solly Kreiger, and Fred Apostoli, Lee smacked around his sparring partners with merciless abandon, and had three of the four boys who worked out with him sprawled out on the canvas several times.

He first took on Bobby Wills, claimant to the welterweight championship of Japan who recently returned to Manila and floored him three times in the first round. He eased up in the second round but even at that the Japanese champion called it quits after the second canto.

Lee then turned his guns upon Vicente, another 145-pounder, but he too quit after being dumped in the first round. Johnny Cabuco next went in against the Nebraskan and lasted in one round.

Just to show that he not only has a punch but also has plenty of speed, Lee next took on Francisco Pareja, a lightweight, whom he knocked down three times in the three-minutes of workout.

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**TRAINING DIFFICULTY**

Both Garcia and Lee are having

difficulty getting sparring partners

for their training for the world's championship bout slated at the Rizal Memorial Stadium, December 23.

Practically all of the P25.00 and P15.00 seats have been sold out but there are quite a number of P10.00 seats still unsold. Critics, however, is confident he will have a sell-out of his P200,000 capacity house.

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Handicaps will be published next

week.

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### Army Boxing

## MIDDLESEX INTER-COMPANY TOURNAMENT

**EIGHT KNOCK-OUTS** feature the second day's programme of the inter-Company Novices boxing tournament of the 1st Battalion Middlesex Regiment held last night at Nanking Barracks.

The enthusiasm of both spectators and boxers was high, and the same spirited boxing of the first night was evidenced.

The tournament continues to-day at 7.30 p.m.

The following were the positions at the end of last night's fighting:

Headquarters 50 points, "A" Coy. 38, "B" Coy. 35 pts., "C" Coy. 31 pts. and "D" Coy. 30 pts.

The results were:

Headquarters is leading with 50 points, followed by "A" Coy. 38, "B" Coy. 35, "C" Coy. 34, and "D" Coy. 30.

Middleweight—Pte. Bridle (C) k.o.

Pte. Jennings (A) Pte. Flood (HQ)

Pte. Ellis (D).

Light Heavyweight—Pte. Revell (HQ) k.o. Pte. Newman (C), Pte. Webb (A) tko. Pte. Baynor (D).

Middleweight—(1st string) L/Cpl. Wooley (HQ) beat Malham (C),

Cpl. Manning (B) beat Cpl. Bedding (D); 2nd string, Pte. Marable (A) beat Pte. Morgan (D), L/Cpl. Wilson (HQ) k.o. L/Cpl. Goodman (B); 3rd string, Pte. Williams (HQ) beat Pte. Bennett (C).

Welterweight—(1st string) L/Cpl. Shaw (C) beat Pte. Thomson (HQ); 2nd string, Pte. Bridge (HQ) beat Pte. Hurlock (A); 3rd string, L/Cpl. Colebeck (C) beat Pte. Cluridge (B); 4th string, Pte. Cohen (A) k.o.

Dmr. Onslow (HQ);

Lightweight—(1st string) L/Cpl. Williams (HQ) beat Pte. Buller (C).

2nd string, A/Cpl. Miller (HQ) beat Pte. Corrigan (C); 3rd string, Pte. Day (A) beat Pte. Funnel (D).

Featherweight—Pte. Cummersford (D) beat Eds. Balam (HQ) a walk-over.

Bantamweight—Pte. Tait (B) k.o.

Pte. Clarke (D), Dmr. Dowbury (HQ) beat Pte. Hooper (C).

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## RUSSIAN AIR ARMADA STRIKES AT FINLAND

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

HELSINKI, Dec. 20 (UPI).—A Soviet air armada roared over the Gulf of Finland to-day in a mass bombing raid on the Finnish capital.

Anti-aircraft fire was so intense that the Russian airmen were not able to attain their objectives in either Helsinki or Abo.

Abo was bombed three times in four raids. No casualties were reported, although several persons were wounded, presumably by falling shrapnel.

Many houses, however, were set afire by incendiary bombs. One Soviet raider was brought down.

Thirty-two bombs were dropped in the vicinity of Helsinki. Eleven exploded in open fields and several others were哑哑.

Unconfirmed reports state that a raider was brought down at Hangoo and two were shot down at Vilpuri.

#### Several Dog-Fights

HELSINKI, Dec. 19 (Reuter).—Several fierce engagements between Soviet raiders and Finnish anti-aircraft defences occurred to-day and it is claimed that four Red bombers were shot down.

The Russians bombed Hangoo on four different occasions but the only serious damage was to a hospital on the outskirts.

#### Assaults Renewed

HELSINKI, Dec. 19 (Reuter).—Soviet planes yesterday raided the outskirts of Helsinki in a renewal of their aerial assault upon the Finnish capital.

Eighteen machines took part in the raid, but only four managed to get through the barrage of anti-aircraft shrapnel sent up from the city's A.A. defences.

The first alarm was sounded at 11.20 a.m., the All Clear being given at 12.15 p.m.

Shortly afterwards, Soviet planes raided Viborg, one being shot down by A.A. fire. There were no Finnish casualties.

The raiders approached Helsinki in scattered formation from the south, and the AA. guns immediately went into action, two planes being immediately shot down when they attempted to bomb the airport.

Further raids are expected in view of the clear weather now prevailing.

## Nazi Ambassador Sees Nomura

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".

TOKYO, Dec. 19 (Domel).—Major-General Eugen Ott, the German Ambassador called on the Foreign Minister, Admiral Kichisaburo Nomura, at 2.30 p.m. on Tuesday.

During the course of a one-hour interview, Ambassador Ott was understood to have exchanged information with the Foreign Minister regarding the latest developments in Europe.

#### Tenders Credentials

BERLIN, Dec. 19 (Domel).—Mr. S. Kurusu, the newly-appointed Japanese Ambassador to Berlin, presented his credentials to Hitler to-day. He is replacing Lieut.-General Oshima, who has been recalled home.

The staffs alone would number 40,000.

Some 60 new aerodromes are being constructed and 20 existing aerodromes enlarged.

The scheme would call for many thousands of aircraft, the bulk of which will be supplied by the United Kingdom, but each Dominion would supply locally-made aircraft to an increasing extent from its own manufacturing resources.

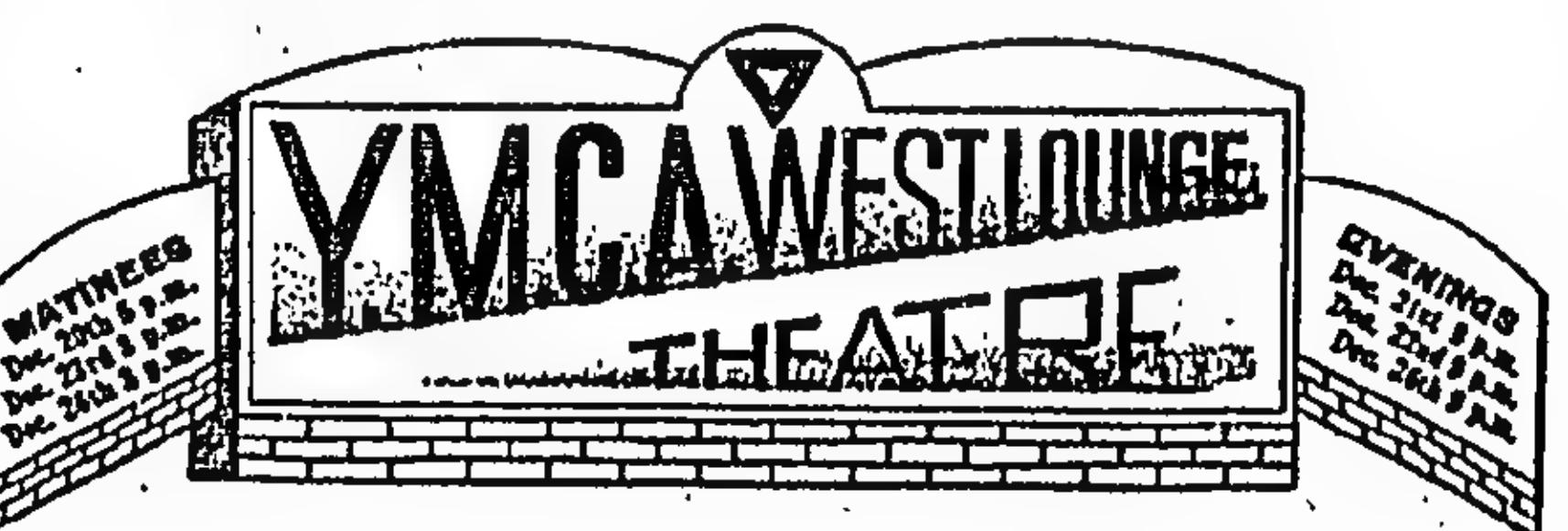
While negotiations have been in progress, the participating governments have gone ahead with the preliminary steps of the great plan.

#### Comparative Efficiency

In connection with Sir Kingsley Wood's estimate that the Empire Training Scheme would put our air superiority beyond challenge, informed air circles here give interesting facts comparing the relative efficiency between the Allied and German air forces to-day when they point out that not one single British fighter has been shot down in combat since the outbreak of war, while the R.A.F. Command aircraft have brought down nearly half the German bomber reconnaissance aircraft engaged by them during the first two active months of the war.

During 51 raids over Britain land or sea in October and November, 21 German raiders were destroyed. Of these, the majority were seen to strike the ground or water. It is known that many more failed to return to Germany.

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## ENTERTAINMENT PAGE

### H.K. "PANTO" JUBILEE

#### Ali Baba At The Y.M.C.A.

THE opening to-day of "Ali Baba", this year's Y.M.C.A. Christmas entertainment, marks the golden jubilee in Hongkong of the presentation of this popular "panto" by local amateurs.

By a remarkable coincidence, it was fifty years ago this Christmas that the Hongkong Amateur Dramatic Club made their debut in burlesque when they presented "Ali Baba" at the Theatre Royal, City Hall. The show ran until January 4, 1890.

The "Telegraph" of December 27, 1890, says: "His Excellency Governor des Voeux and the élite of the Colony were present to witness the novel and somewhat daring experiment of our local amateur talent in an altogether new field."

"Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves" is an old extravaganza that was played in London with considerable success many years ago; the version played last night has, of course, been modernised and localised to suit the national character of the times. The plot is based on the ancient story in the "Arabian Nights".

#### "GAGGING" IN 1889

This piece itself is about as threadbare as even a modern extravaganza could be, but it afford opportunities for any amount of gagging and so-called witlessness, and for the introduction of musical selections, comic and otherwise, a service the end for which it was written.

Before proceeding further we have to compliment Captain Clayton, the stage manager of the A.D.C., on the manner in which the piece was staged, the scenery being exceptionally effective.

"Great credit is certainly due to the conductor, Mr. Hill, the bandmaster of the Argyle and Sutherland Highlanders, and to the orchestra generally for the accuracy and precision with which the musical numbers were dealt with."

And now to-day, fifty years after that first local performance, "Ali Baba" will again be presented to the Hongkong public.

A dress rehearsal for to-day's show was held on Monday night and was attended by a large number of Service men.

The pantomime, which will run during the Christmas festivities, is being produced by Major W. de B. Wood. The make-up for certain members of the cast is being done by Victor Mamak.

#### Plans For Anna Neagle

ANNA NEAGLE is identified so closely nowadays with serious characters, thanks to her prolonged career as Queen Victoria and her present appearance as Nurse Cavell, that her gay and tempestuous film past tends to become obscured.

She is far from having exhausted the more frivolous parts for which Herbert Wilcox designed her in view of her Nell Gwynn and Peg Woffington successes, but it isn't any of these for which she is announced next. Instead, Anna Neagle is to star in the screen version of that stage hit of nearly twenty years ago, "Ariane"—pronounced, you may remember, in the American way with two syllables. Edith Day played the part in New York and London.

There had been rumours that Herbert Wilcox might direct Anna Neagle in "Marie Lloyd" whilst they were in Hollywood. The screen biography of the most famous London music-hall comedienne involves some ticklish considerations and no doubt it is wiser to leave it until they get back to London.

#### "Mamlock" Banned

THE banning of a film without viewing is the astonishing precedent created by Hove Watch Committee. The film is "Professor Mamlock."

The manager of the Lido, Hove, applied for permission to screen this Russian-made film showing the horrors of Nazi concentration camps.

Alderman E. J. Thompson, chairman of Hove sub-committee, said: "If this film is shown it will breed hatred towards the German people."

He does not want to continue to this. Our decision was based on reliable reports."

The film was being shown in the adjoining town of Brighton at that time.

Latest news from Warner Bros. this week is that Merle Oberon has been signed for the starring role in "We Shall Meet Again," Edmund Goulding will direct, with George Brent, Jane Bryan and Pat O'Brien in the cast.

Laurence Olivier, who starred with Merle Oberon in "Wuthering Heights," will star in the lead.

The film was being shown in the

time.

It is "Barber in Arms," an M.G.M. film in which Mickey Rooney appears with Judy Garland, Charles Wininger and Guy Kibbee.

The Christmas attraction at the King's Theatre will be "Second Fiddle," a romantic comedy drama starring Sonja Henie and Tyrone Power. Musical numbers in this film are by Irving Berlin.

Another important Twentieth Century-Fox film, "Hollywood Cavalcade" will commence screening at the King's Theatre on Sunday, December 31.

#### Oberon-Brent Co-Star



No, it's not ... It's Albert Burdon, who heads the cast of the recently completed "Jail Birds" a British film. The resemblance was noticed quite by accident; but a special sequence taking advantage of it will be found in the film.



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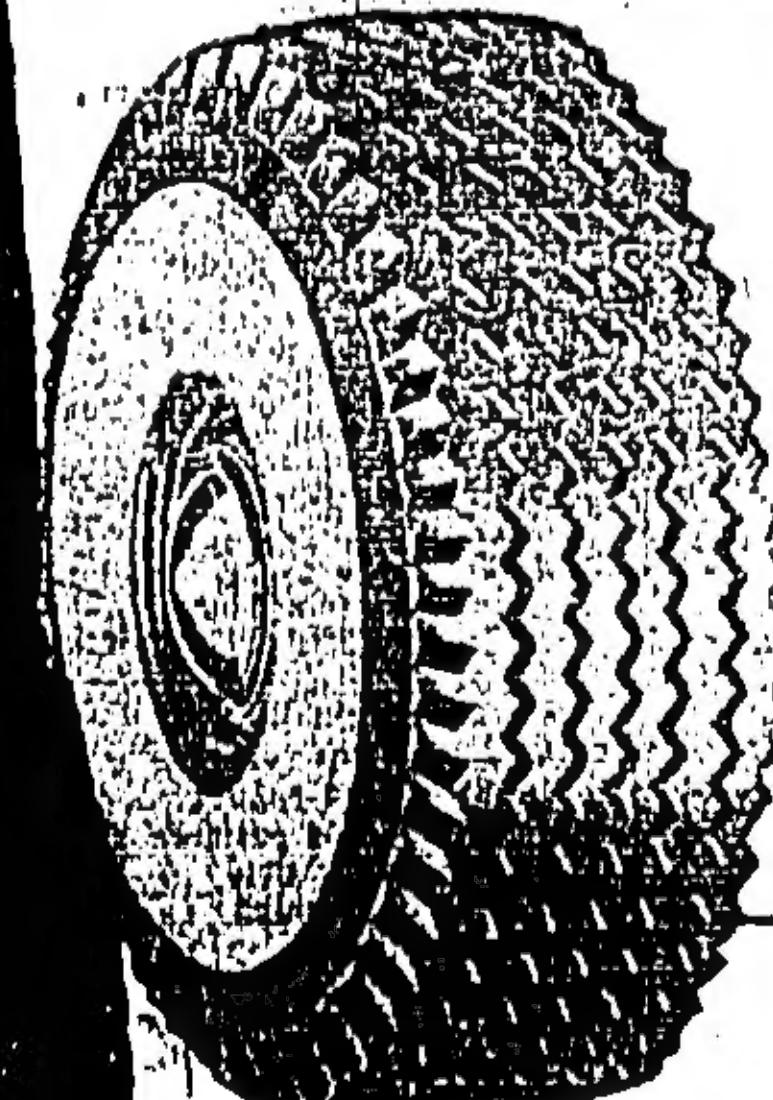
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# Hitler Hopes For 'Peace' Without A Big Offensive

MADAME TABOUISS, WORLD-FAMOUS DIPLOMATIC WRITER, REVEALS TO-DAY THAT HITLER, STILL IN A STATE OF INDECISION, HAS AGAIN CHANGED HIS MIND ABOUT FUTURE PLANS.

He has for the first time given his advisers to understand that he fears to launch an offensive in the West. He is now inclined to listen to those who urge him to remain on the defensive—for years, if necessary. But this new plan, like others, will fail.

WHILE German threats to Britain are still unexecuted the Reich, in the last few weeks, has suffered a succession of setbacks of all kinds—the Anglo-French-Turkish Pact, Papal Encyclical, raising of the U.S. arms embargo, speeches by Molotov and Voroshilov affirming once more that the Soviet Union will not give the Reich military or material support, also that the Kremlin officially numbers Germany among the capitalist States it wishes to oppose.

The effect on the Führer of this series of defeats can be gauged by reports I have received from neutral countries, said Madame Tabouis.

The war plans for the West we have heard so much about have undergone considerable changes. It seems that the Führer, while adopting towards Holland a similar attitude to that adopted by the Soviet to the Baltic States, now wishes to prepare his generals for a new plan.

This is of much interest to us, especially after the Führer's Munich speech, in which he admitted Germany was preparing for a five-years war—this being a public avowal of the failure of that "Blitzkreig" by means of which he promised his people victory over the democracies in less than six months.

#### IF AN OFFENSIVE FAILED

A few days ago, at a Council of War attended by the Führer, some Reichswehr chiefs and most of the Nazi Grand Council, General Reichenau spoke on "the capacity of Germany's resistance in case of failure of an offensive in the West." In the course of which the Führer several times expressed approval by voice and gesture.

Reichenau remarked that the discussion was taking place in the presence of the Führer himself and dignitaries of the regime and army, and was therefore absolutely official and authorized. Otherwise a discussion of this nature would necessarily be considered a manifestation of "high treason."

He declared in the case of failure of a Western offensive, the situation would not be so desperate as certain Reich pessimists liked to say. Such failure, moreover, would be possible only if the Reich decided to launch a general attack in the West, which was not the case at present.

He pointed out that before this would take place industrial and agricultural reorganisation of the Reich would be completed, and the entire industrial system transferred from the left bank of the Rhine and exposed regions of the right bank to the well-protected hinterland—especially the north-east and south-east regions of the Reich.

#### PEACE—ON CONDITIONS

He went on to show how such evacuation could be carried out without weakening the country's capacity for resistance.

The German armies could withdraw to the other side of the Rhine and remain there on the defensive for years. Reichenau explained at length that such a defensive would lack all danger. This plan had been suggested by a group of German officers to Ludendorff in 1918, but the Kaiser had not dared to adopt it because the economic position thereby would have been greatly weakened.

Reichenau continued that if the German armies ever did carry out such a withdrawal it should not affect the position of the Nazi regime. With forces established in this defensive position the Nazi Government would accept peace only on condition the Third Reich maintained the frontiers as existing in Autumn 1939, and also its Nazi regime.

The Führer agreed also when Reichenau stated that if such a withdrawal was carried out the chances of obtaining from the democracies a real "German peace" demanded by the Führer would continually increase.

#### BOEY OF BOLSHEVISM

For Reichenau harbours the illusion that the Allies, fearing for spread of Bolshevism and Russian military intervention with this aim, would be obliged to come to terms with the Führer, and agree to the maintenance of a strong German Army as a bulwark against Communism.

Reports of this discussion deeply impressed Nazi circles, for it is the first time the Führer has given his advisers to understand that he will probably not dare to launch a general attack on the Western front, but that he considers he can, while remaining on the defensive, obtain that German peace for which he has for so many years asked the Third Reich to make such great sacrifices.

One may presume, therefore, that if the Führer treats Holland as Stalin has treated Estonia, he will launch an air war against England while trying to effect "a moral conquest" of neutral countries.

He has just set up an organisation with a fund of £5,000,000 for distributing publicly to neutral countries.

Under the direction of Dr. Gernon, German publicity associations have been formed in various neutral capitals, and newspapers are offered large sums of money on condition that they modify their policy in favour of Germany.

But the Führer's new plan will fail as others have.

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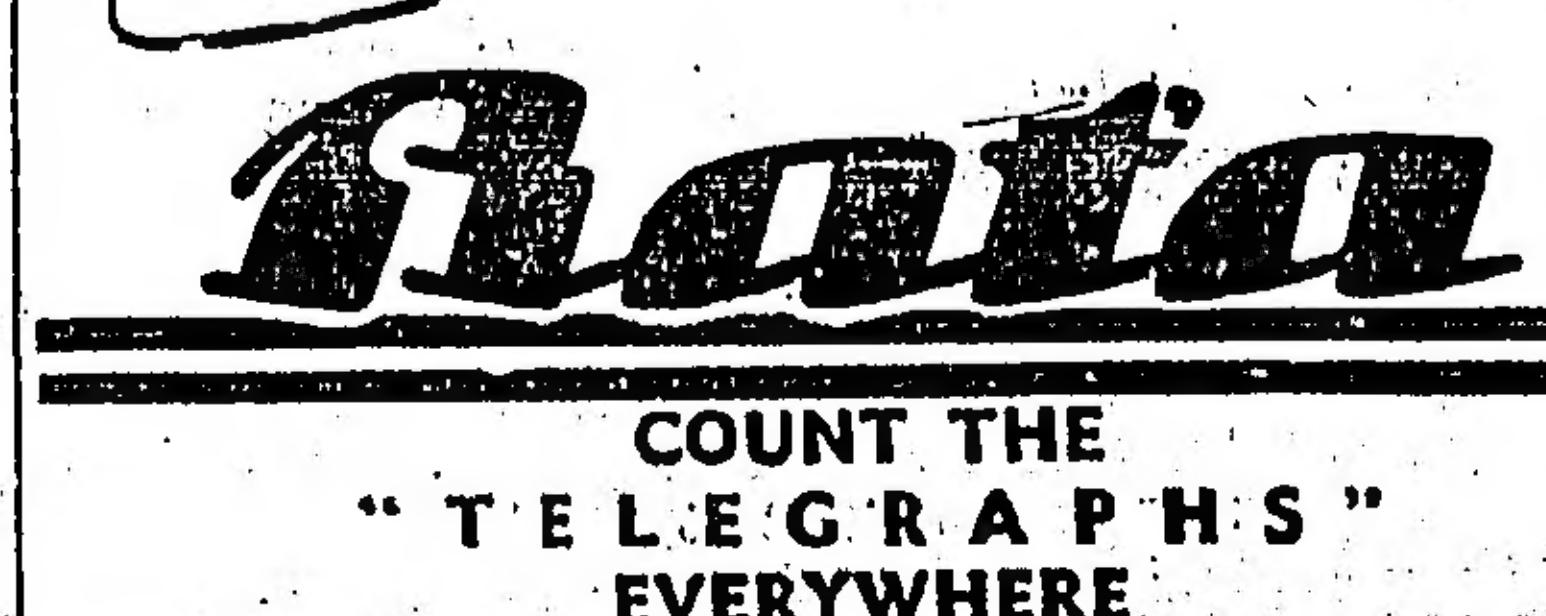
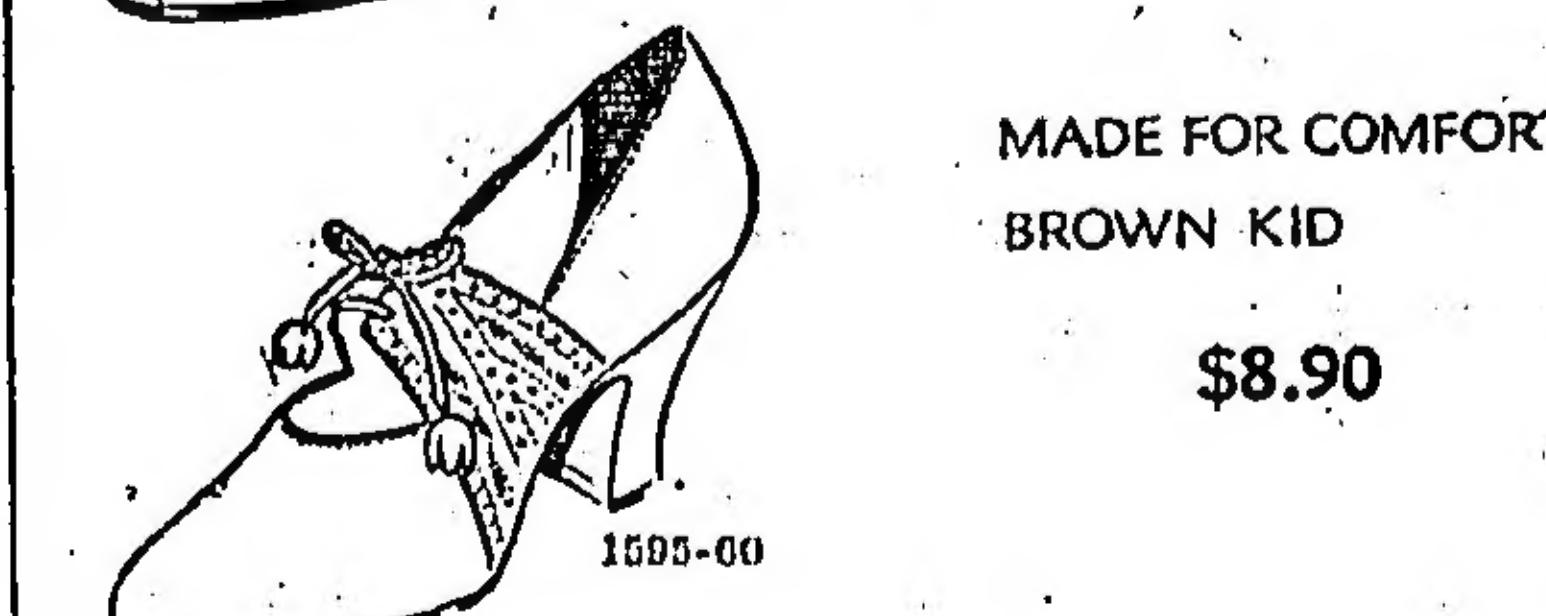
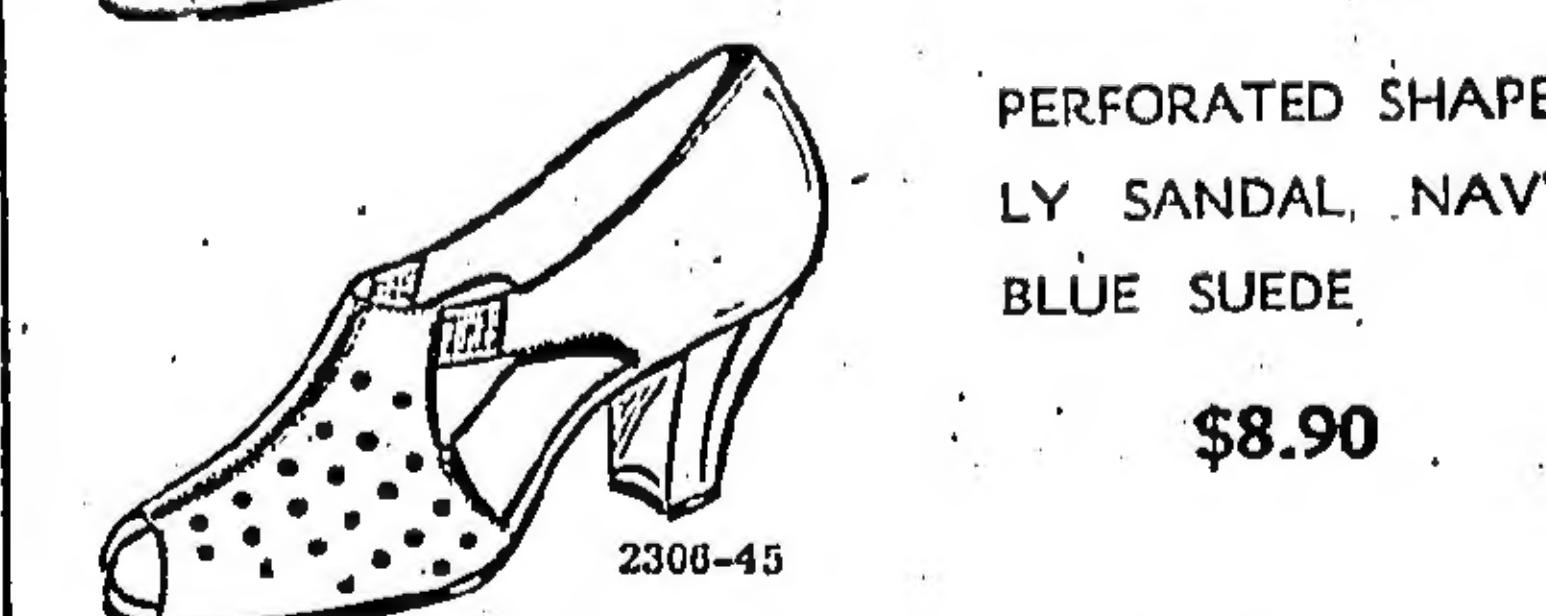
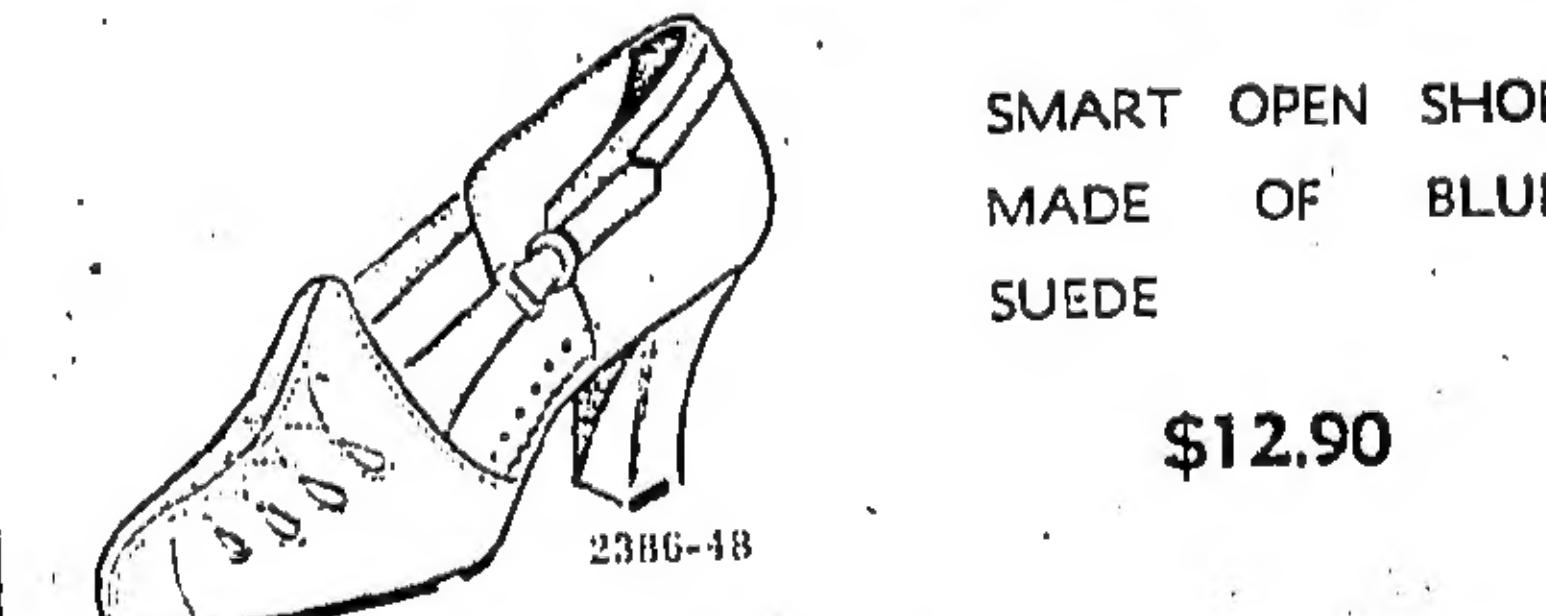
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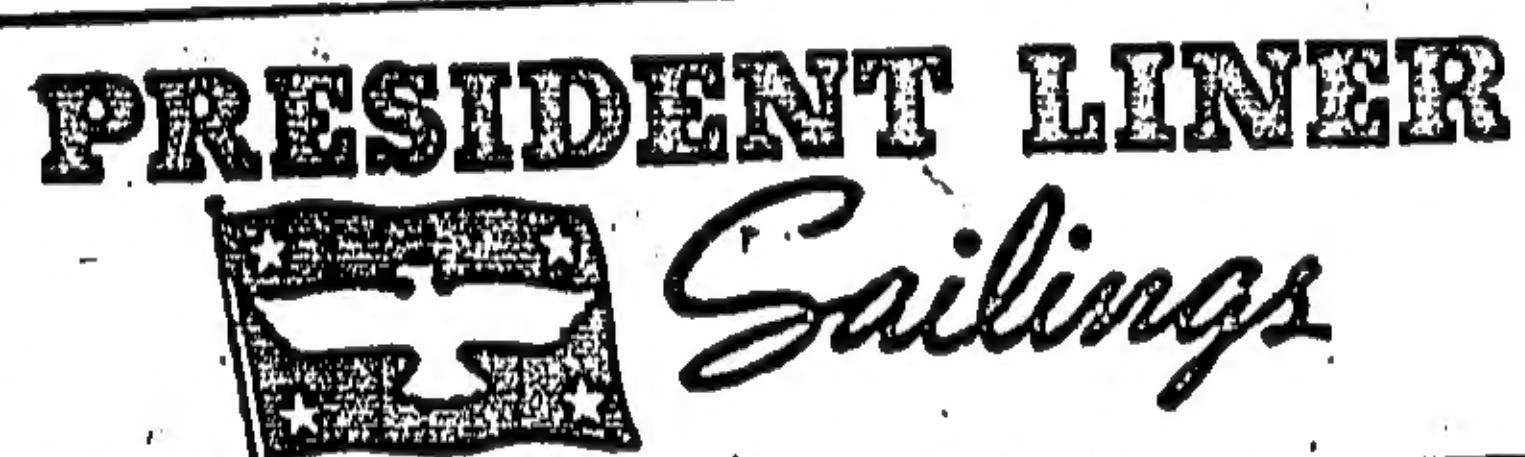
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**SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"**  
LONDON, Dec. 19 (Reuter).—Major Ilinski, of the Polish Military Mission, spoke in London to-day on Poland's war efforts to organise her fighting forces.

Polish ships, consisting of destroyers and submarines constituted part of the Allied forces and operated under the Polish flag under Polish officers.

Men of the Polish merchant marine were liable to be called up for service in the navy in case of an increased demand, and a special Polish naval depot is being established for the purpose of training further personnel and formation of reserves.

### Soon To Sail Again

He hoped that the day was not far distant when the Polish Navy would again sail the Baltic.

For the land forces now training somewhere in France it was intended to form infantry divisions as well as armoured and mechanised units under the Polish High Command.

Major Ilinski mentioned the recruitment of manpower, and said that the Polish forces would be composed of officers and men of the Polish Army who succeeded in reaching Allied territory, of Polish reserves who were in Britain, France and elsewhere abroad, and by calling to the colours Poles in Britain and France.

Last but not least were the Polish volunteers from all parts of the world.

### Millions Available

Major Ilinski mentioned that there were four million Poles in the United States, half a million in South America, 150,000 in Canada and 100,000 in France.

The training in France is in full swing.

The Polish air force is divided into two groups, one in Britain and the other in France.

The Poles were lucky in getting away a fairly large number of air force personnel and already several squadrons are being organised.

### SILVER IMPORT CONTROL

NEW DELHI, Dec. 19 (Reuter).—It is announced in the "Gazette" that a new rule under the Defence of India Act empowers the Government to impose on those authorised to import silver into British India such conditions as it may consider necessary regarding its use and disposal if the Government considers it expedient.

Similar power is conferred on the Reserve Bank of India.

### French Loan To China Report Unconfirmed

PARIS, Dec. 19 (Reuter).—Reports from the Far East of a 100,000,000 francs loan to China for the construction of a railway linking the provinces of Yunnan and Szechuan are not confirmed in official quarters.

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### A Look Through The "Telegraph"

#### 50 YEARS AGO

Dec. 20, 1890.  
An American paper informs us that "Hongkong is growing with marvellous rapidity and the rumour that it is to be made the Oriental terminus of the line from British Columbia, completing the British circle around the world is tempting thither capital from all sections of British subjects. It now has over 300,000 tons of shipping per year, over \$36,000,000 of locally registered capital, and it is practically the financial centre for the whole East."

The post-card is twenty years old. It is in Australia which has the credit of first adopting the invention, though it was first advocated by the well-known postal reformer, the German Postmaster-General, Dr. Stephan. On October 1st, 1889, a "Correspondent Karte," first burst on the astonished Continental world. The idea caught on, and we need not remind our readers how soon it became popular in this country. The result is so much a world's "invention" now that it seems strange to think how young it is.

#### 25 YEARS AGO

Dec. 20, 1914.

An official statement says that 82 persons were killed and 250 wounded in the bombardment of Hartkopf also.

It is reported that the British Patrol

ship to the destroyer Doon, with

1,000 wounded in the engagement off Hartkopf. A Berlin official statement says: "Our ships were hit by the coast batteries but only slightly damaged."

The Patrol is a protected ironclad sister ship to the Patriarch of 2,940 tons.

She is armed with 9.4-in. guns, does 26

knots and has a crew of 268.

The British destroyer had 600 tons

with a speed of 25 knots and a crew number-

ing 72.

"Tipperary," the name rejected but now world-famous, son, has its critics

and its admirers. And we are

to judge from the Home papers, who are

very much out of the picture just now,

but who are turning to certain music,

which are popular at the moment, and

are attempting to measure them by

strict neutrality.

Nazis Consolation

The correspondent adds, however,

that there is consolation in Germany

that the Deutschland and the Admiral Scheer can still harass English shipping,

and that English warships will

be obliged to operate far away from

their home bases.

The Berlin representative of the

"Tidningen" says that mourning for

the Graf Spee is combined with

gratification that the battleship did

not fall into English hands.

#### "Cheap Victory" Prevented

The British had counted on a cheap

victory, says the German Press, but

Hitler foiled them by the order to

blow up the vessel.

The newspapers unite in declaring

that the end of the Graf Spee was an

honourable one and in conformity with

the traditions of the German Navy.

#### 10 YEARS AGO

Dec. 20, 1920.

The following will represent the

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the Royal Artillery to-morrow on the

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#### 5 YEARS AGO

Dec. 20, 1934.

Japan's decision to abrogate the

Washington Treaty has caused forth-

comment from all over the world, and

the Foreign Minister

today reiterated Japan's policy in the

matter of naval armaments, battleships

and aircraft carriers must be

totally abolished for the sake of world

peace, he said.

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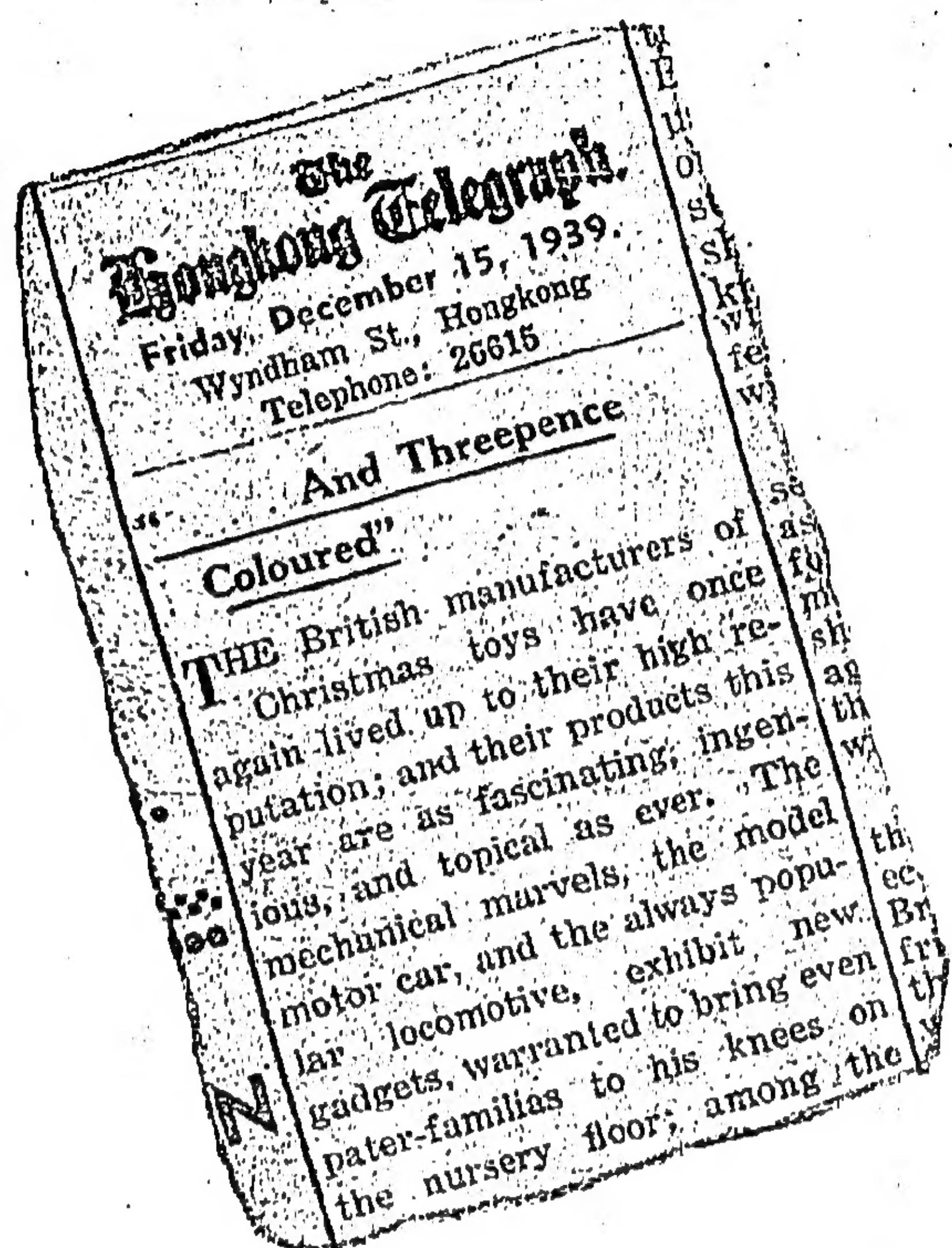
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"When I consider the shortness of time the force has been in France, conditions of the weather and other difficulties, I am simply amazed by the progress made."

### Complete Confidence

"I must congratulate the Commander-in-Chief upon the way his preparations for defence have been progressing, and upon the obvious smartness and efficiency of the troops under his command."

"I have been delighted to hear of the excellent relations existing between the B.E.F. and the French inhabitants."

Mr. Chamberlain concluded by saying that he had complete confidence in the ability of the B.E.F. to tackle any task.

## Rousing Welcome For Canadians

### Arrival Of Force Is Big Surprise

LONDON, Dec. 19 (Reuter).—The arrival of the first Canadian Expeditionary Force has aroused great interest, and newspapers give them a great deal of space.

The first news of the Canadians' arrival was given by Mr. Winston Churchill, the First Lord of the Admiralty, in a broadcast.

Even the people of the port at which they landed did not realize who they were until the men spelt out in unison, C-A-N-A-D-A and then shouted "CANADA!"

### Route March To Camp

They were promptly given a warm welcome. Those on shore threw them packets of cigarettes, the Canadians replying with apples.

They were transferred to the base by train and marched through the quiet country headed by their band.

They found their camp fitted with every amenity, including iron beds with mattresses, hot and cold water showers, a large mess room and an up-to-date kitchen.

They have already named their camp "Hore-Belisha Palace."

### French Patrol Takes Nazi Prisoners

PARIS, Dec. 19 (Reuter).—A number of French soldiers volunteered on Monday for a special patrol.

They penetrated for some miles behind the German lines and brought back a number of prisoners, including two officers.

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 19 (Reuter).—The opinion is growing in Berlin that the Russo-Finnish war will shortly cause significant changes in the political position in Europe, says the "Nyhetter" Berlin representative.

This correspondent adds that Finland has been able to expose that Germany is in an awkward position.

Germany is obliged to realize that nobody now fears her Russian ally,

## SOVIETS SHELL NAZI SHIP

### Berlin Admits Two Others Sunk

LONDON, Dec. 19 (Reuter).—A report from Stockholm states that a Soviet submarine shelled the German steamer Pinnau, which was carrying coal to a Swedish port.

The submarine, says the report, suddenly emerged and fired 35 shells at the ship.

There were no hits.

The sinking of two other German ships by Soviet warships is now admitted in Berlin.

Discussions are now going on in Riga between the Russians and a Nazi Commission.

## Linguistic Burgin

### Talks To Newsmen In Four Languages

LONDON, Dec. 19 (Reuter).—Entertaining members of the Foreign Press Association at a luncheon, Mr. Leslie Burgin, the Minister of Supply, evaded rounds of questions when he declared that "almost all the civilized world—with one solitary exception—is represented here to-day."

Mr. Burgin added that the Allies were fighting to put truth back on a pedestal and the correspondents might rest assured that every communiqué they received in Britain would be strictly factual.

Mr. Burgin delighted the cosmopolitan audience by speaking to them in French, German and Spanish.

### French Marines Land At Shanghai

SHANGHAI, Dec. 19 (Dornel).—About 350 French marines who evacuated Hankow arrived here this afternoon. They will shortly proceed to Europe.

The exhibition opens at 9 a.m.

## NAZIS DISILLUSIONED BY SOVIET FAILURE

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and even the economic support that Berlin had anticipated from Moscow has hitherto proved non-existent.

Finland's opposition, too, has proved the Soviet military aid to be an illusion.

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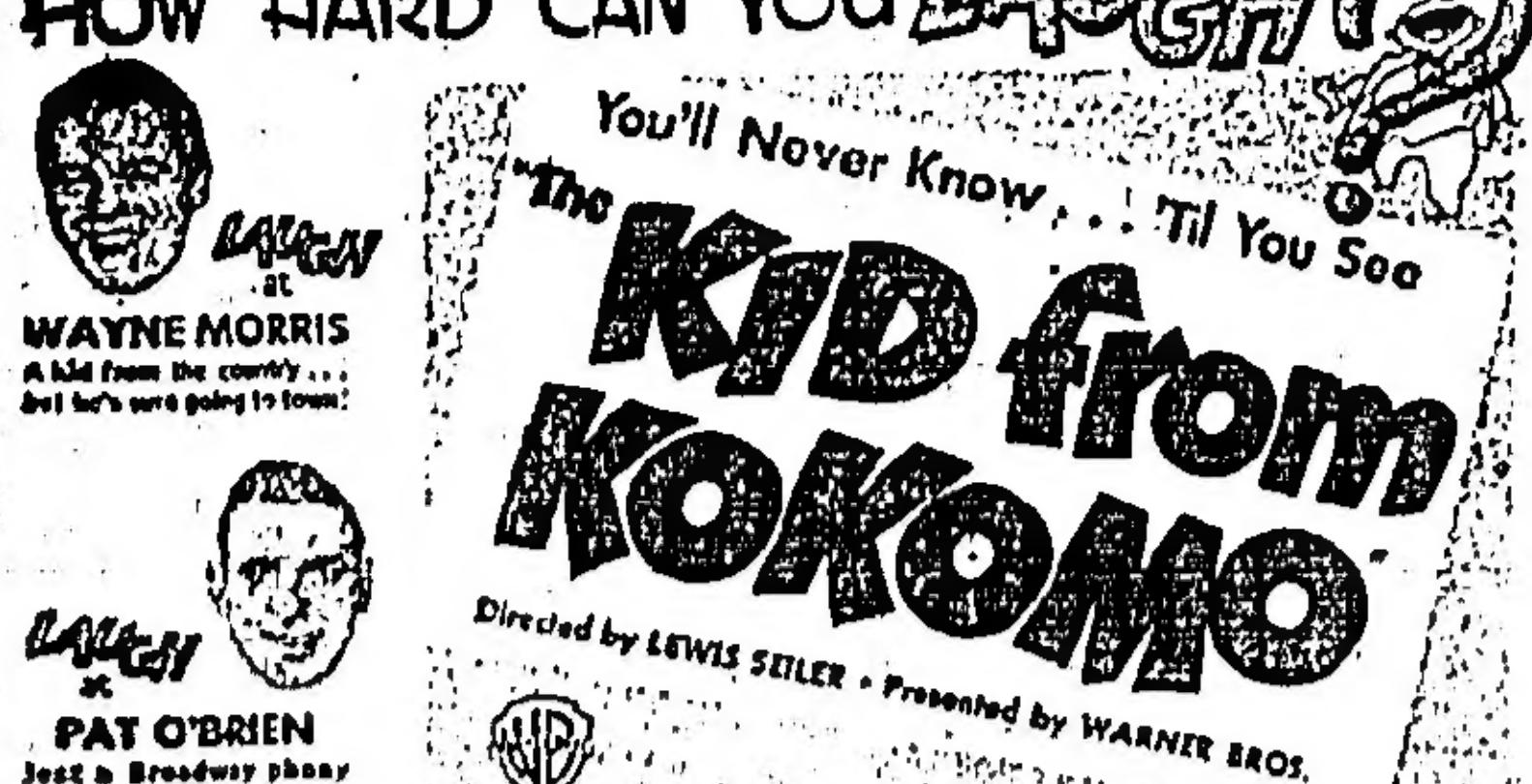
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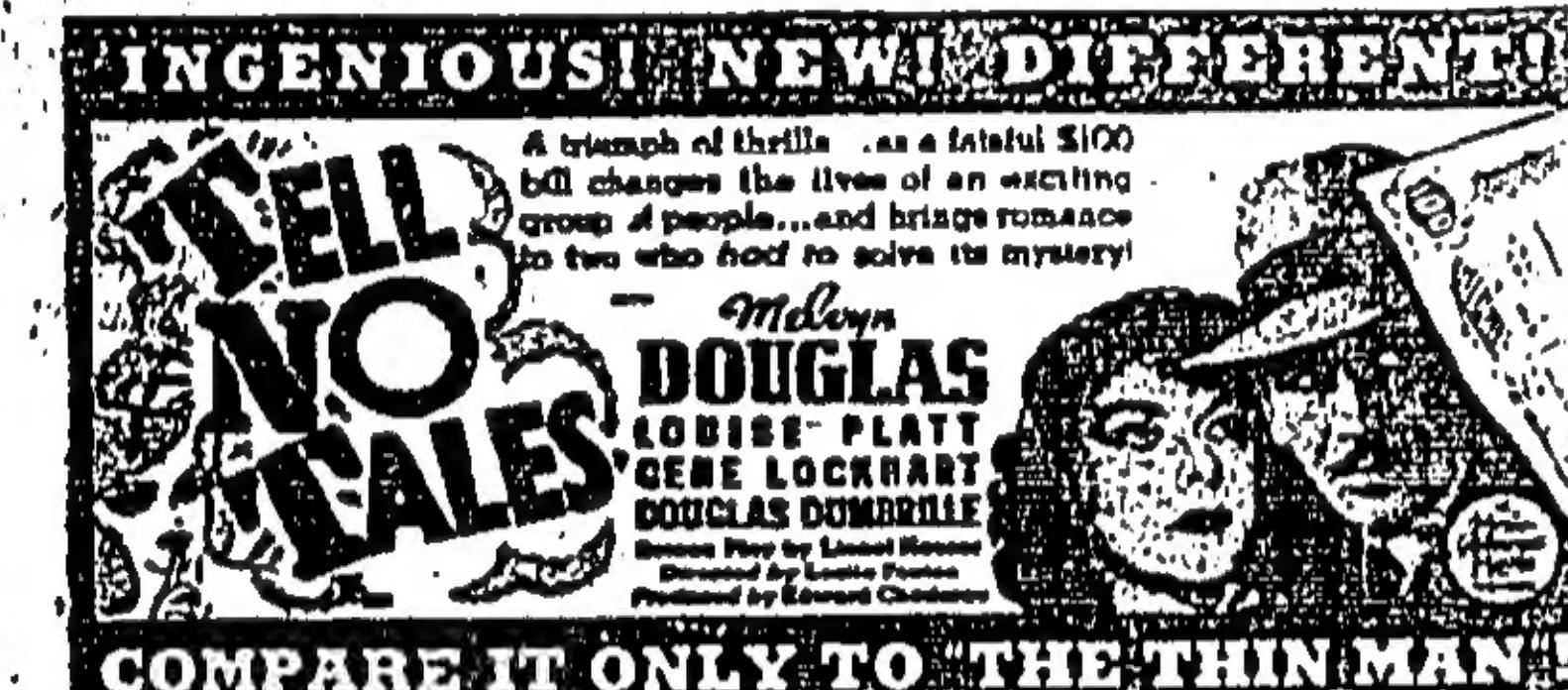


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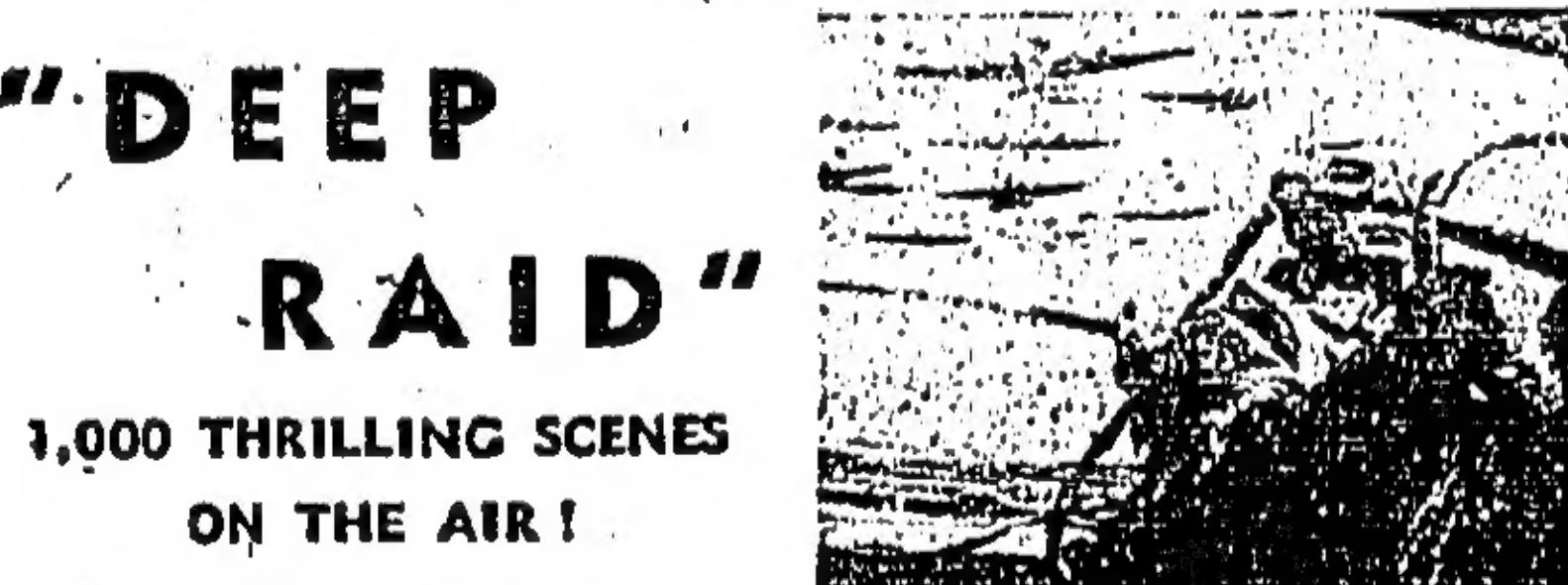


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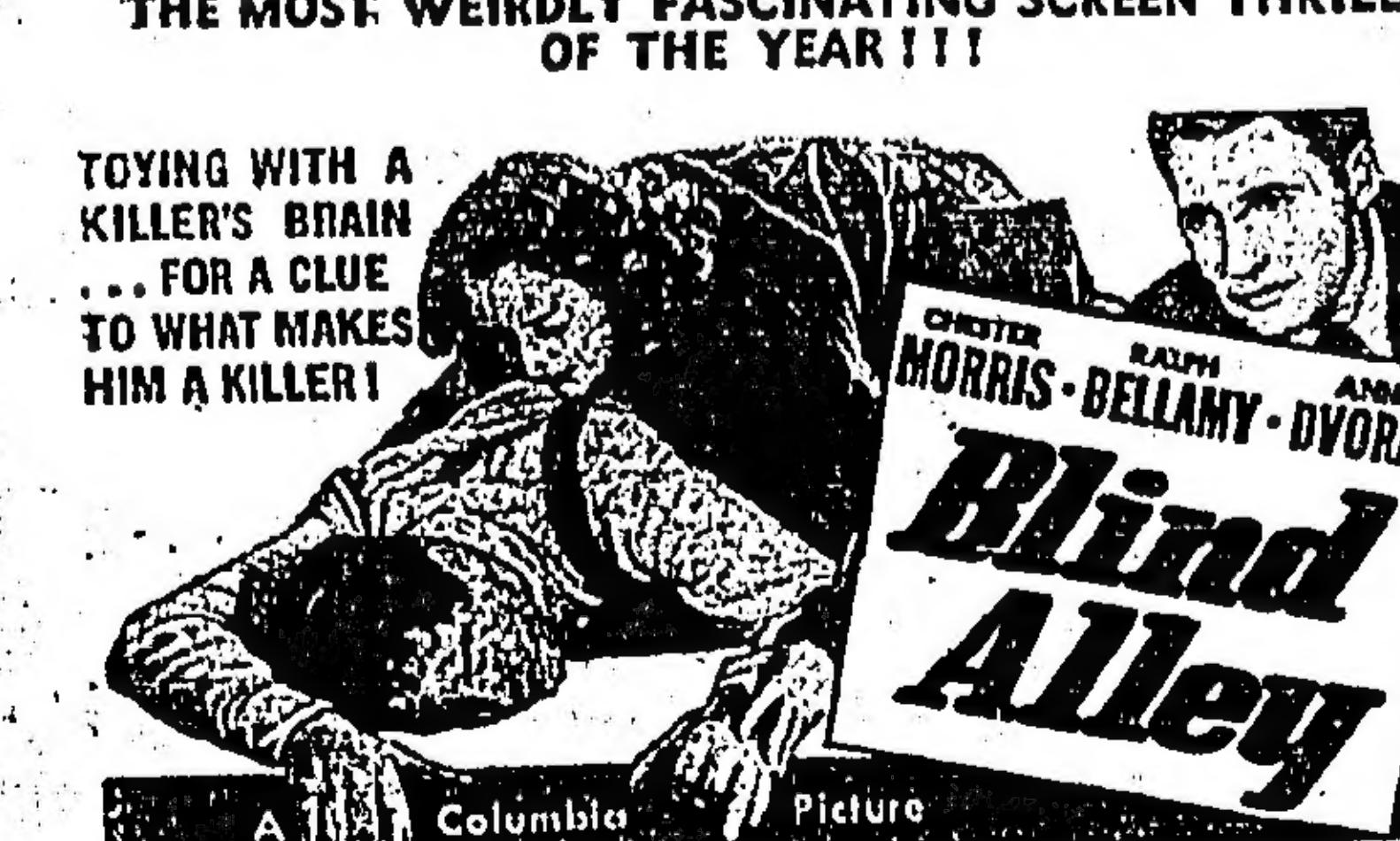
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## THRILLING DETAILS

### Pilots Tell Of Big Air Battle

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
LONDON, Dec. 19 (Reuter).—More details of yesterday's air battle at Heligoland indicate the probability that British bombers shot down more than 12 Messerschmidts, "Reuter" learns.

The German claim that 36 British aircraft were brought down is effectively disproved by the fact that the total number of British aircraft engaged was nothing like that figure.

One British bomber alone accounted for five German fighters.

The leader of the British formation said: "I could see them waiting like files to attack us."

### 25 Messerschmidts Attack

Between Heligoland and Wilhelmshaven, 25 Messerschmidts were seen. Even when the battle had begun, the British crews continued on their course, determined to collect all the information possible.

They also met heavy anti-aircraft fire from ships and shore.

Some Germans hung on to the British bombers when the latter were returning.

One British machine became detached from the others and seemed to be an easy prey.

Messerschmidt attacked it in force.

The pilot dived and skimmed the sea surface with the enemy on its tail.

Two Messerschmidts venturing too close were immediately shot down by the rear gunner, but the ammunition was spent.

A moment later the front gunner was wounded, whereupon the reserve pilot scrambled from the rear turret to the front gun, where he found plenty of ammunition and made full use of it.

The British aircraft finally shook off its pursuers and reached home.

### Clashed Five Nazis

From diving to escaping, it had accounted for five Germans.

Another British aircraft, returning,

was forced to descend to the sea within 80 miles of the English coast.

The following aircraft prepared to drop a rubber boat but saw that the crew of the first bomber had been able to launch its own boat which subsequently was rescued by a trawler.

Another aircraft, whose rudder was damaged, made a safe forced landing a few miles from home.

## Nazis Gagging The Press New Restrictions

LONDON, Dec. 19 (Reuter).—A special commentary states that the German authorities have devised a new method of preventing news about Germany reaching the outside world despite the boast of not imposing censorship.

It is already known that neutral correspondents are liable to expulsion if they send out unfavourable news.

Now it is stated that they have been warned that if colleagues in neutral countries outside Germany send home unfavourable news the correspondent in Germany will be prevented from working.

## INDEPENDENCE OF LOWLANDS

BRUSSELS, Dec. 19 (Reuter).—M. Paul Spaak, the Prime Minister, in a speech to the Chamber, declared.

"An independent and neutral Holland is indispensable to Belgium's neutrality."

"It would be imprudent to determine now the attitude we would take if the situation in Holland changed, but it would be equally imprudent to state that the new situation would leave us indifferent."

## RAILWAYS FOR THE B.E.F.

LONDON, Dec. 19 (Reuter).—About £10,000,000 worth of engines and railway equipment have been ordered for the use of the B.E.F. in France.

The order includes 240 freight engines, 10,000 covered wagons, permanent way material costing £1,750,000 and mechanical equipment for docks.

## Roosevelt's Slip Of The Tongue

NEW YORK, Dec. 19 (Reuter).—The White House now reports that President Roosevelt has not signed the restoration of the Cuban Sugar Quotas, but the document restoring the former sugar import duties.

No details are given.

The President's Secretary stated that President Roosevelt made a slip of the tongue when he made the earlier statement at a Press Conference.

LONDON, Dec. 19 (Reuter).—The death occurred suddenly on December 18 of Mrs. A. W. Burkhill, wife of a former Shanghai businessman.

## LATE NEWS

### Raids In Hankow Concessions

HANKOW, Dec. 21 (Reuter).—The French Concession was reopened at 10.30 a.m., following its closure yesterday as part of the drive against alleged Chinese territories.

Both the French and Japanese authorities have refrained from making any statement until negotiations now in progress are concluded.

During the searches carried out yesterday, it was now confirmed, pistols and bombs were found in houses in the French Concession. Thirteen Chinese have been arrested.

The Japanese are believed to be demanding that the French acknowledge the hand over the Chinese to them.

Bombs and a large quantity of petrol were later discovered in a house in the former Russian Concession, in the centre of an area occupied by high Japanese naval authorities.

### Arctic Area Occupied

LONDON, Dec. 20 (Reuter).—A despatch received by "Reuters" from the Norwegian-Finnish frontier states that Soviet troops yesterday completed the occupation of the strip of Finnish Arctic territory separating the extreme north-west of Norway from Soviet Russia.

The Russians are reported to have established their headquarters at Saimaa, and large numbers of troops and materials are now moving southwards from the port of the Petsamo district.

Observers state that the Russians have 10,000 men, not including the motorised detachments, operating in this front, while the Finns have no more than 1,000. Nevertheless, the Red losses are reported to be heavy.

The British aircraft finally shook off its pursuers and reached home.

### Shanghai Britons Join H.K.N.V.F.

Taipons Release Them "For The Duration"

The Hongkong Naval Volunteer Force, which is carrying out patrol work in the vicinity of the Colony, is to be joined by a number of Britons from Shanghai, where they have been released from their firms for the duration of the war.

The first batch will consist of six men. It is expected that more will follow.

A large number of men from Hongkong firms have been released for the duration and are now mobilised.

### Oxygen Saved Life In Plane

It has been revealed that to save the life of Stoker Harry Ruble of a British gun-boat on the Yangtze, oxygen had to be administered during the flight when he was rushed from Chungking last night by a C.N.A.C. plane to the Royal Naval Hospital at Hongkong.

A special bed was arranged in the plane for the 20-year-old patient and oxygen was administered at high altitude by Surgeon Commander Nicholson, the naval doctor who flew up to Chungking to bring Ruble back. Ruble is suffering from internal trouble.

The naval authorities have expressed their gratitude to the airline for co-operating so helpfully with them.

### DARING CITY ROBBERY

A 73-year-old Chinese landlord was robbed of \$16,000 in money and jewelry in the course of a daring armed robbery in Wellington Street early this morning.

Four men, two of them armed with revolvers, forced their way into the second floor of 172 Wellington Street, where they held up the occupant, Fung Kwai-shing (73) who is described as a landlord, and forced him at the point of the revolvers to hand over the keys to his safe.

They then ransacked the safe, taking from it \$15,500 in Hongkong currency, \$1,150 in Chinese currency and \$500 in Singapore notes.

They also stole a diamond ring.

Half an hour after their entry into the house, the men decamped with their booty.

A police net has now been spread over the Colony in a search for the robbers. As yet no arrests have been made.

## RUSSIANS REPULSED

### Finns Hold On In Many Sectors

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
HELSINKI, Dec. 20 (UP).—The Finns have repulsed all Russian attempts to gain a foothold in the Karelian Isthmus, according to an official Finnish communiqué.

"The enemy was repulsed throughout Monday, despite very heavy artillery preparations and feverish attacks in force throughout the day," the communiqué claims.

The Russians have also suffered tremendous losses in personnel and tanks in the Muolua and Valla Lake regions. A Russian attack on the eastern front between Koivisto and Jussaljyvri was also repulsed.

Finland still continues to take the offensive in the Lake Aglajaer region where, according to an official communiqué, numerous prisoners and considerable booty have been taken.

Exchange With Warships

Consular batteries at Kovitila have had lively exchanges with enemy aircraft and destroyers, which have carried out extensive bombardments since the week-end.

A telephone message from Suurvaar to Bergen states that military experts believe that the Russian offensive on the far northern (Petsamo) front will shortly come to a standstill.

The Russians, they point out, must shortly pause to consolidate their Arctic gains, which have carried them to the Norwegian frontier.

Additionally, Finland's defence lines in the "old Finnish territory" should be capable of stubborn defence.

### Moscow Communiqué

MOSCOW, Dec. 19 (UP).—The 19th Red Army communiqué claims that the Soviet air force shot down 12 Finnish planes and lost one. Land activity was limited to scouting and petty skirmishes.

The communiqué also claims that there were advances on either side. The Baltic fleet shelled the coastal artillery batteries in the Björkoe region.

### Finnish Communiqué

HELSINKI, Dec. 19 (Reuter).—A communiqué issued to-day states that in the Karelian Isthmus the enemy launched attacks of great force during the day.

By evening all the attacks which took foothold in our positions had been repulsed.

The enemy suffered losses in men and tanks.

In the Eastern Front, enemy attacks between Kolmoina and Sysky-Jaervi were repulsed.

Our successful offensives near Lake Aglajaer continue. Many prisoners and a considerable amount of war material were captured.

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